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FOREWORD

IN PRESENTING a revised and enlarged edition of the Geer Genealogy, it may be of interest to place on record some facts in relation to the two works already published, and also tell the story of one which never appeared.

In 1856, James Geer, of Ledyard, Connecticut, published a little book of eighty-four pages, entitled *Historical Sketch and Genealogy of George and Thomas Geer from 1621 to 1856.*

James Geer was then seventy-two years of age. He was a descendant in the fifth generation of George Geer, through his fourth son, Robert. His family had always lived on the homestead of George Geer, which is also still the home of his own descendants.

As much of the material contained in the First Part of this volume is taken from the Genealogy published by James Geer, we quote here a part of his Introduction in which he states the origin of his work:

"Living as the writer does upon the homestead of George Geer, and having in his possession many of the original papers belonging to him and his children, it very naturally prompted frequent inquiries respecting the past history of the Geer Family on the part of those descendants who visited the spot once trodden by our honored and revered sire. This spirit of inquiry, accompanied by many urgent solicitations that the genealogy of the family, as far as possible, might be collected together, suggested the idea of this memoir.

"That this has required much time and labor no one can doubt. To collect and arrange the names of so many in the appropriate places, from such fragmentary and obliterated materials, has been no easy task, nor

without considerable expense. But the author felt that it had been already too long neglected and that, if undertaken, it must be done at once; and while he could wish that more able hands had undertaken it, yet the possession of many more documents than were possessed by any other, seemed to indicate that he should attempt it, and so far complete it as his declining years and decaying faculties would permit, being now (1856) in his 73d year.

"The design of the work is to give correct statistical information. To secure this, the author has made careful research of the records in New London, Groton, Norwich, Preston, and the old Colony records at Hartford. He also visited Enfield and Springfield, and gleaned from their records such information as he could obtain respecting Thomas Geer. Besides this, much information has been collected from family Bibles, tomb stones, and extensive correspondence. In some cases, the names by which persons were familiarly known have been changed to correspond with the true name of the person as found on record. The dates are made to correspond with the records so far as any could be found, by which to be guided.

"While the author has endeavored to secure correctness in all parts of the work, yet it will not be surprising if errors have crept in, though it is hoped and believed that there are but few."

About 1878, Everett Selden Geer, of Hartford, Connecticut, began to collect material for a new edition of the Genealogy. He was then a young man of twenty-eight years. His family for many years had been the publishers of the Hartford City Directory, said to be "the best city directory on earth." The James Geer Genealogy was printed by this house in 1856.

To secure information for his work, Mr. Geer personally visited many members of the family; corresponded with many more, and collected a large amount of material. Unfortunately, he left his travelling bag, with his manuscript and papers, on a railway train, and never

succeeded in recovering them. About the same time he began to have trouble with his eyes, and so gave up the entire project. He was a descendant in the seventh generation of Thomas Geer, through the younger line of this branch of the family. He died at Hartford 24 October 1917. His portrait and a brief sketch of his life are given in this volume.

About 1890, the present writer, in preparing papers for admission to some of the patriotic societies, became interested in the family history. Later, a professional genealogist was engaged, who visited many of the places identified with the family history; searched town, county and state records; corresponded with members of the family whose addresses could be obtained, and also consulted other published genealogies which contained information regarding the Geer and allied families.

A great deal of valuable material was also contributed by a granddaughter of James Geer, Miss Ellen Geer, of Norwich, Connecticut, to whom a special word of appreciation is due. She passed away in October 1917, much regretted by all who knew her.

After many years spent in these researches, in the autumn of 1913, the writer began to put the material in shape for publication. But the work of compiling a genealogy, like that of making a dictionary, is never done. While the book was in the hands of the printer, additional information continued to come in, and the section of the book set aside for such material increased before publication to over twenty printed pages.

At the same time, information was also received regarding a previously unknown branch of the family, on the Pacific Coast, the descendants of Joseph Cary Geer, who was the grandson of Captain Aaron Geer, the grandson of Jonathan, eldest son of George Geer. Joseph Cary Geer was born in Windham, Connecticut, in 1795; moved to Ohio in 1818; later to Illinois; and finally in 1847 to Oregon, where he died in 1881, leaving 165 living descendants. Through his grandson, Governor Theodore T. Geer, of Oregon, and his great-grand-

son, Willard Geer, of New York City, over twelve printed pages of information were obtained regarding this branch of the family. This material was published in a separate section, under the heading of the "Oregon Branch," as it was too late to insert it in its proper place in the body of the book.

Even after the publication of the work, in March 1914, much new information continued to come to hand. In January 1918, a letter of inquiry was received from Miss Sara Marie Starkhouse, of San Francisco, a granddaughter of Keziah Geer, who was the daughter of George Geer's great-grandson Roger. It appeared that Miss Starkhouse's father had been much interested in the family history; that he had corresponded with Everett Selden Geer at the time the latter was collecting material for his proposed book; and that he had left a great many notes regarding the family history. All this material, Miss Starkhouse sent to the writer, and supplemented it with much additional information which she obtained by correspondence with various members of her immediate family. This makes quite a complete record of Roger Geer and his descendants up to the present day.

All of this new information, and also the results of more recent research, have been embodied in the present book.

WALTER GEER

NEW YORK CITY,
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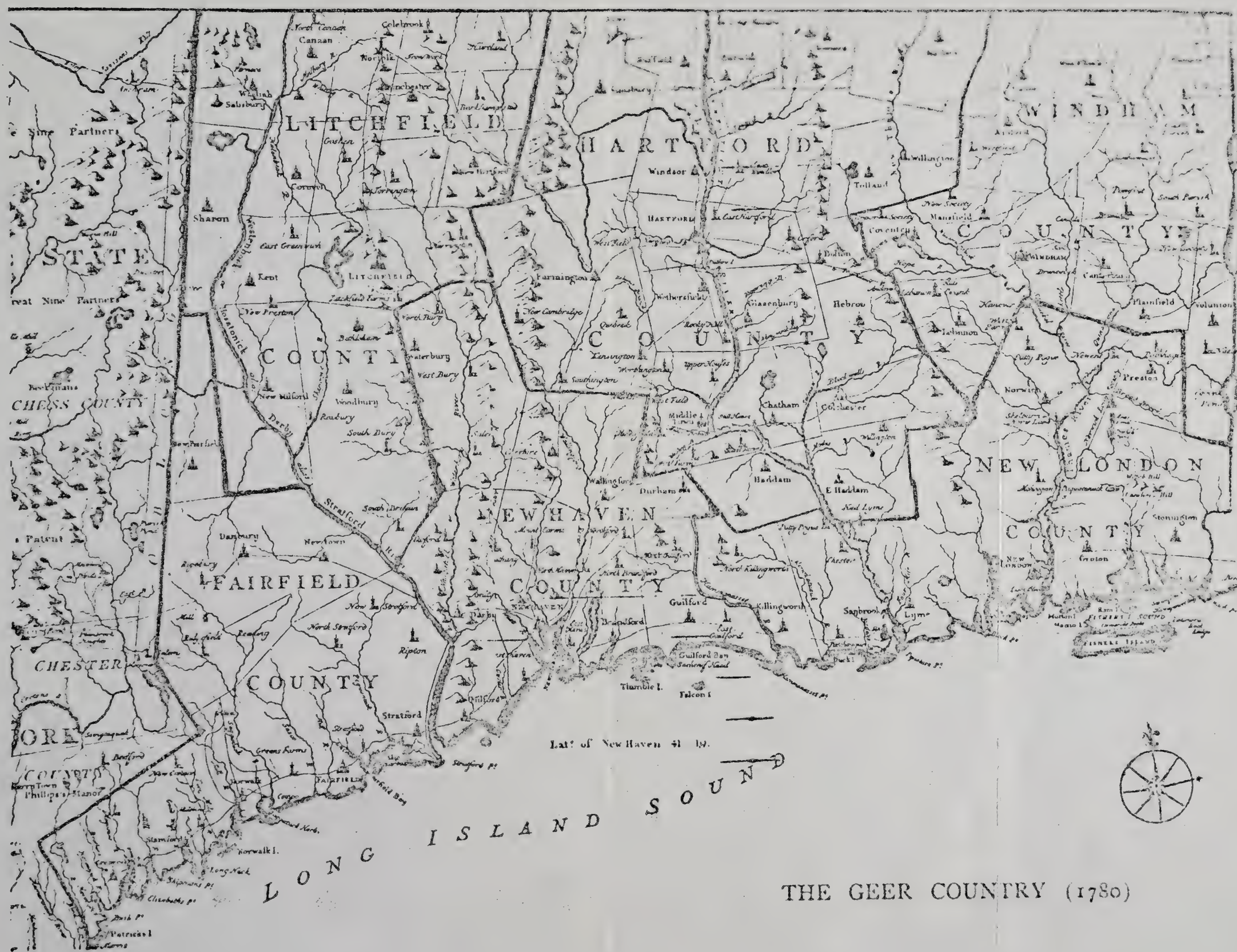

THE GEER COUNTRY (1780)

THE GEER GENEALOGY

ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY

IN THE Geer family there is an ancient tradition, which like Banquo's ghost "will not down," that the English Geers came originally from northern France at or about the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066.

As applied to profane history, tradition is a word of various meanings, but it generally signifies knowledge of the past handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation. It has usually, if not invariably, a substantial foundation, and is of the highest historical value. To it we owe most of our information regarding prehistoric times.

In the present case, therefore, there is probably a basis of historic truth, although a careful research extending over many years has failed to establish the fact. This much may be said, however, with absolute certainty:

In southeastern Belgium there is a river GEER which has been known to History since Cæsar's campaign against the Belgæ in 57 B.C. In the Walloon language, which is an early French patois, the word is spelled Jaar. This river is not shown on any of the small maps of Belgium: in some of the larger ones, like the Century Atlas, it is indicated, but the name is not given.

Rising at Lens-Saint-Servais, in the province of Liége, about sixty miles above the French frontier, the river flows in a northerly direction past Waremme and Tongres, and after a winding course of thirty-five miles enters the Meuse at Maastricht.

Belgium has often been termed the "Cock-pit of Europe," and certainly in no other district of the same size on the face of the earth have there been so many con-

flicts. A few miles to the west of the source of this river is the battle-field of Ramillies, where on the 22 May 1706 Marlborough defeated the French and Bavarians under Marshal Villeroi. Another twenty miles brings us to the famous field of Waterloo. Ten leagues to the east lies Liége, where the Germans entered Belgium at the beginning of the Great War, and brought Great Britain into the conflict. It is the centre of the country of the Walloons, a people descended from the ancient Belgæ, whose blood is mixed with German and Roman elements.

In this historical district there was born at Liége on 17 November 1587 Louis de Geer, of an old and distinguished Walloon family, which derived its name from the river above mentioned. On account of religious persecutions he took refuge in Holland, and in 1617 entered into commercial relations with Sweden. Eleven years later he went to Finspong, and became naturalized there, while preserving his domicile at Amsterdam. In 1641 he was admitted to the Swedish nobility. He was founder of the Swedish industry in Holland, and accumulated a large fortune, which he used in aiding the poor, and the members of his faith. During the war between Sweden and Denmark he equipped, at his own expense, a fleet of twenty-two vessels which forced the passage of The Sound and contributed to the brilliant victory of Wrangel. He died at Amsterdam 19 June 1652.

From Louis de Geer came a long line of distinguished Swedes. Carl de Geer, a famous naturalist, was born at Finspong in 1720 and died at Stockholm in 1778. He was a member of the Academy of Sciences, Marshal of the Court, commander of the Order of Wasa. He was the author of a work on the *History of Insects*, and left a fine collection of objects of natural history.

Louis-Gerhard, Baron de Geer, was born at Finspong in 1818. He was Minister of Justice from 1858 to 1870, and Minister of State from 1876 to 1880.

His son, Gerard, Baron de Geer, is one of the most distinguished of living geologists. He was a member of Parliament from 1900 to 1905, and was president of the Eleventh International Congress at Stockholm in 1910. His portrait was published in the issue of *Natural History* for March-April 1922, and a member of the family, struck by his resemblance to the American Geers, sent it to the writer, with the inquiry as to his relationship to the family.

The Van Wyck Genealogy records the marriage of a member of that family to Jacob Barthold Lintelo, Baron de Geer, and Lord of Zutphaas, who probably belonged to the Holland branch of the same family.

In Sweden the name Geer is pronounced *Yar* and in Holland *Har*. The coat of arms is entirely different from that of the English family, but the motto is the same: "Non sans cause."

THE ENGLISH ANCESTORS

The earliest ancestor to whom the family has been traced in England was WALTER GEERE, of Heavitree, a small town in Devonshire, near Exeter.

WALTER GEERE, Gentleman, of Heavitree, County of Devon, England, born about 1450, married Alice Somaster, daughter of John Somaster, of Wydcombe, Devon, and granddaughter of Adam Somaster and Julyan, daughter Sir John Prideaux, of Adeston. He had two children: + JOHN, and Juliana, who married William Hurste.

JOHN GEERE, son of Walter, born about 1480, married, (1) Alice Throwbridge, of Crediton, by whom he had one son: + JOHN; married, (2) Jane Stowell, of Codleston, Somerset, by whom he had one son, Andrew, and two daughters, Mary and Anne.

JOHN GEERE, eldest son and heir of John, born about 1510, married, (1) Juliana, daughter of Anthony But-

side, of St. Bodockes, Devon, by whom he had two children: JOHN and Mary; married, (2), in November 1546, Beatrix, daughter of John Jermyn, of Exeter, by whom he had four children: Nicholas, Andrew, GEORGE, and Alice. Andrew married, and had a daughter Anne, who married Richard Ashe of Sowton, in January 1616. Alice married the Reverend William Varley, of Exeter, in April 1583. GEORGE, the youngest son, was the father of Jonathan, and the grandfather of GEORGE and THOMAS, the American ancestors.

Heavitree is a parish in the hundred of Wonford, County of Devon, one mile east of Exeter, containing about 7500 population. It was the western headquarters of the Parliamentary forces during the Civil War. The parish is a suburb of Exeter. The church, dedicated to St. Michael, is in the later style of English architecture. The name of Heavitree is said to have been derived from its having been a place of execution, the gallows being called "*heavy* (*i.e.* grievous) *tree*."

Kenn is a parish in the hundred of Exminster, Devon, four miles south of Exeter. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Exeter, formerly rated at less than fifty pounds sterling. The church, dedicated to St. Andrew, has a stone front in the early style, and a good wooden screen. John Geere, a cousin of Jonathan, was a resident of Hollaway in this parish; and two of his descendants, both named Gilbert, were rectors of Kenn, between 1668 and 1727.

But little is known about JONATHAN GEERE, the immediate ancestor of the family in England. No record has been found of his baptism, or of that of his sons, as the Parish Register of Heavitree does not begin early enough to contain these records, the earliest entry being dated 1653. Nor has any record been found of his will, after a careful search for wills of testators of that name proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Jona-

than seems, nevertheless, to have been a man of considerable property, and it is possible that he did not live in Devonshire the later years of his life.

From the best information available, Jonathan was born about 1580, and died prior to 1635, soon after the death of his wife. He left two young sons, GEORGE and THOMAS, under the guardianship of an uncle.

THE AMERICAN ANCESTORS

GEORGE GEER was born about 1621, and THOMAS (as appears from records in the town of Enfield, Connecticut), in 1623. Their uncle apparently gave them little or no privilege of school instruction. Hence, in subsequent life, although both brothers held responsible positions, they never wrote their names in deeds or wills, but simply made their mark. The consequence was that their name was spelled in a variety of ways by those who had occasion to write it, Geer, Gear, or Gere. Their descendants, with but few exceptions (*e.g.*, the Syracuse Geres), write the name Geer, and the correctness of this spelling is verified by the fact that the name thus written is attached to the original coat of arms.

At an early age, their uncle, in order to obtain possession of their property, arranged to ship the two boys to America. The event is thus described by a descendant of the fifth generation:

"George and Thomas were left orphans when quite young and were brought up by their uncle, and as they were heirs to a considerable estate it was the desire of their uncle to remove them out of the way that the inheritance might be his. To enable him to realize his wishes without hindrance, he wrote to the captain of a ship about to sail for America, requesting him to take the lads with him. George and his brother were sent with the letter, with orders to remain on board until they received an answer. They remained as directed,

but to their surprise, while waiting, found themselves victims of deception and already on their passage without the possibility of returning.

"The above facts I received from my father, Thomas Geer, but mostly from Joseph Geer, grandson of George, when I was fifteen years of age.

"JEPHTHAH GEER"

The ship above referred to arrived in Boston in 1635 and the boys were then put on shore in a new country without money and without friends. For quite a number of years after their arrival in Boston we find no history of their lives, and how long they remained in Boston and vicinity cannot be determined with absolute certainty. The first reliable record we find of them is that George was one of the early settlers of New London about 1651, and Thomas of Enfield in 1682. It is probable, however, that George came to New London in company with Robert Allyn and others as early as 1651, and that Thomas remained in Salem, Massachusetts, until after the death of King Philip in 1676.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

Surnames as family names were practically unknown before the middle of the eleventh century and their use was not firmly established until after the thirteenth. In all countries, the adoption of surnames has generally marked the arrival of the people at a certain mark in civilization. All names were originally significant: they designated place of residence, occupation, estate, or some particular thing that related to the person.

The origin of the name Geer is uncertain. It may have been derived from the river Geer in southern Belgium, above referred to, or may have come from the occupation of some early member of the family, as suggested by several English authorities.

THE GEER GENEALOGY

Ferguson, in *The Teutonic Name System*, says that in an age when war was the main business of man, names taken from the weapons in which he trusted, were as natural as they were common; and directly or indirectly from this source are derived more names than from all other sources put together. One of the most common weapons in those days was the spear, and naturally one of the most common of all roots was the Anglo-Saxon *gar*, and the old Saxon *ger*, spear, from which is derived the English surname *Geere*. Barber, in *British Family Names*, also gives the same origin of the name.

Another authority, Lower, in *English Surnames*, gives a somewhat different explanation of the origin of the name. He says: "The origin of the name is curious. In the olden tyme [*sic*] great men employed an officer to superintend the equipment of their armed retainers, and as all sorts of arms were called *gere* or *gear*, this person would very naturally acquire the name of *John-of-the-Gear*, or *John-o-Gear*, and at length John Gear." Gentry, in *Family Names*, gives still another derivation. He says: "*Gear* = riches, goods of any kind."

THE GEER ARMS

The arms of the several branches of the family in England are strikingly alike and would seem to indicate a common origin. There are four known varieties, all practically in the same form, the main difference being in the coloring, viz:

First: The arms of Jonathan Geere, of Heavitree, shown in the frontispiece. The description is as follows:

Arms: — *Gules*, two bars *argent*, each charged with three mascles of the first, on a canton *or*, a leopard's face *azure*.

Crest: — A leopard's head erased proper, ducally gorged *or*, langued *gules*, between two wings *gules*.

Motto: — Non sans cause.

Second: The arms of John Geere, of Heavitree, Devon, shown by James Geer in his Genealogy as a frontispiece to the book, described as follows:

Arms: — *Gules*, two bars *or*, each charged with three mascles *azure*, on a canton of the second (*or*) a leopard's face of the third (*azure*).

Crest: — A leopard's head *or*, langued *gules* (no wings).

Motto: — By the Name of Geer.

Third: The arms of John Geere, Kenn, Devon, as given in Burke's *General Armoury* and Fairbairn's *Crests:*

Arms: — *Gules*, two bars *or*, each charged with three mascles *azure*, on a canton *or*, a leopard's face *gules*.

Crest: — A leopard's head *azure*, ducally gorged *or*, between two wings *gules*.

Motto: — Not given.

Fourth: The arms of Geare, or Geere, of Heavitree, Devon, as given in the Harleian Society's *Visitation of Devonshire*, 1620

Arms: — *Gules*, two bars *or*, each charged with three mascles *azure*, on a canton *or*, a leopard's face *azure*.

Crest: — Not given.

PART ONE

GEORGE GEER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

NOTES

In the following pages the descendants of GEORGE GEER, of the name GEER (GERE, GEAR), are each given a serial number. In order to find any particular person:

First — Look up the *Christian* name in *Index 1*, and note the *number* printed at the *right*.

Second — Find this number at the *left* of the page in PART ONE of the book.

Third — If the person was married and had issue, the fact is indicated by a *plus sign* (+) before the number.

Fourth — To find the *complete record*, turn forward until you reach the same number in *black type* in middle of page.

Fifth — To *trace back* the line of any person, simply reverse this process.

The descendants of THOMAS GEER will be found in *Index 2*, and PART TWO

See *Index 3* for the names of all Geers who are *not* lineal descendants of GEORGE or THOMAS, and for all other surnames occurring in the book.

GEORGE GEER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

FIRST GENERATION

1

GEORGE GEER was born about 1621 in Heavitree, near Exeter, Devon, England; died in 1726 in Preston, Connecticut; married 17 February 1658, Sarah, daughter of Robert Allyn. She was born in 1642, and died later than 1723, the exact date of her death being unknown.

As has been related previously, George arrived in Boston in 1635 with his brother Thomas (born in 1623). They probably lived in Salem or Boston for quite a number of years. About 1651, George became an inhabitant of New London, coming probably with Robert Allyn, whose daughter he married a few years later. In October 1665, he bought the farm of Robert Isbell, in the northeast part of the present town of Ledyard, adjoining the farm of Peter Spicer, and later built a house on a side-hill near a never-failing spring of water which is still in use. The site of this first house is still to be seen near the spring. The present house, known as the George Geer Homestead, is the fourth house built on the farm, and was erected by James Geer, the great-great-grandson of George. It has always been owned and occupied by that branch of the family.

The northern boundary of his farm was the line between New London and Norwich. In the early colonial days the township of New London embraced a large area both west and east of the Thames River, so that prior to 1705 the settlers east of the river are listed as in-

habitants of New London; during that year a separation was made, and that territory, measuring fourteen miles north and south by an average of over six miles east and west, became the town of Groton; its boundaries being the Preston, or town of Norwich, line on the north, the Mystic River and its Lantern Hill tributaries, which separated it from the town of Stonington, on the east, Fishers Island on the south, and the Thames River on the west.

In 1836 the town of Groton was divided, and the larger portion, including all the North Parish, was called the town of Ledyard. This tract of land is mostly fertile, and quite picturesque; it contains many hills and valleys, and has several small water-courses. Part of the peaceful village of Poquetanuck now lies on its northern border, the remainder being within the limits of Preston. About two miles south of this village is located the first tract of land granted to Peter Spicer, whose great-granddaughter, Abigail Spicer, married Daniel Geer, Jr., the grandson of George.

At the first town meeting held in December 1705, after the division of the township of New London, George Geer was chosen to be the fourth townsman for the new town of Groton. He resided in Groton until five or six years previous to his decease, and then moved to Preston and lived with his daughter, Margaret Gates. He died at the age of 105 years. He was totally blind the last few years of his life. His Will is given in full in the Spicer Genealogy.

George was buried near the Welcome Browning farm in an old Indian burial ground in what is now the town of Griswold, about two miles from the farm where he died. These early graves were marked only by small flat stones, with simple initials, which cannot now be distinguished; but the grave of George was known by a white oak tree which marked the spot. Many years later the tree was cut to the ground and used for ship timber, but the grave was still marked by the stump. James L. Geer, who lived on the old Homestead, thought the spot ought to have a permanent marker, so he had a rough stone cut of Westerly granite, with the inscription: "Our first Ancestor, GEORGE GEER, died 1726, aged 105,

to mark his grave." This was placed on a solid foundation of stones and cement.

Children: 11, 6 sons and 5 daughters:

+ 2. *Sarah Geer*, born 27 February 1659; died ——; married, 28 February 1677, Nathaniel Park.
+ 3. *Jonathan Geer*, born 26 May 1662; died 30 April 1742; married (1) Mary ——, who died 24 April 1718; married (2) Experience ——, who survived him.
+ 4. *Joseph Geer*, born 14 October 1664; died 10 August 1743; married 7 January 1692, Sarah Howard.
5. *Hannah Geer*, born 27 February 1666; died ——; married Charles Williams, who died in February 23, 1743. They lived in Preston. No further record.
+ 6. *Margaret Geer*, born in February 1669; died ——; married December 1695, Thomas Gates.
+ 7. *Mary Geer*, born 26 March 1671; died ——; married 23 September 1697, Zacariah Mainor.
+ 8. *Daniel Geer*, born in September 1673; died 2 October 1749; married ——.
+ 9. *Robert Geer*, born 2 January 1675; died 20 November 1742; married 3 April 1700, Martha Tyler.
+ 10. *Anne Geer*, born 6 January 1679; died ——; married 28 May 1700, Daniel Tyler.
+ 11. *Isaac Geer*, born 26 March 1681; died in 1745; married Martha Lee.
+ 12. *Jeremiah Geer*, born in September 1683; died in 1721; married Esther Hilliard.

SECOND GENERATION

2

SARAH GEER was born 27 February 1659; died ——; married 28 February 1677, Nathaniel Park, who was born in New London, Conn., and died in January 1718. He served as a volunteer in King Philip's War (1676), and in 1701 was allotted land in Voluntown for service in Colonial wars. He owned land in Groton, and also in Preston, where he resided.

Children: 8, 6 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Nathaniel Park,* baptized 14 August 1681; died about 1724.
(2) *Joseph Park,* married Mary Smith.
(3) *Ezekiah Park,* born about 1687; married (1) Alice Larabee; (2) Mary Safford.
(4) *John Park,* married Sarah Spaulding.
(5) *Isaac Park,* married Deborah Park.
(6) *Jacob Park,* married (1) his cousin Martha Geer (34); (2) Prudence ——.
(7) *Phoebe Park,* married Thomas Beman.
(8) *Margaret Park,* married, 2 August 1715, Jabez Spicer. He was a tanner by trade, and a large landowner in Norwich.

3

JONATHAN GEER was born 26 May 1662; died 30 April 1742; married (1) Mary ——, who died 24 April 1718; married (2) Experience ——.

He removed from his paternal home at an early period, and settled about ten miles north of his father, on land George gave him by deed dated 11 January 1686. On 27 December 1686, in company with about twenty other "landholders," he petitioned to the General Court at Hartford for a town to be set off, bordering on Norwich,

New London and Stonington. Their petition was granted and the town was called Preston. As appears in the Probate Records of New London, the power of administration was granted to Jonathan Geer, Jr., and Mrs. Experience Geer (his second wife), of Preston, on all the personal estate of Mr. Jonathan Geer, late of Preston, deceased, the landed property having been previously disposed of by deed, as was the custom of those days.

Children: 6, 1 son and 5 daughters:

+ 13. *Jonathan Geer*, born ——; married (1) Elizabeth Herrick; (2) Hannah Putnam.
14. *Deborah Geer*, born ——; died 10 December 1736; married 27 March 1710 James Park. Seven children.
15. *Sarah Geer*, married —— Gennings, of Windham.
16. *Mary Geer*, married 10 November 1713, Jonathan Potts.
17. *Zerviah Geer*, married 12 May 1725, John Geer (27).
18. *Dorothy Geer*, baptized 8 July 1705, in Preston; married —— Tyler, of Willington.

4

JOSEPH GEER was born 14 October 1664; died 10 August 1743; married in Preston, 7 January 1692, Sarah Howard, who was born in February 1669.

He settled in the north part of Preston (now Griswold) about two miles from his brother Jonathan, and the place has been owned and occupied by the family ever since. According to the records, his father deeded to Joseph another tract of land in the town of Preston, 23 February 1707. He lived on his farm until his death. He was a man often called upon to act as arbiter in disputed cases, and also on committees on behalf of the town.

Children: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 19. *Joseph Geer* (1), born 17 October 1692; died 19 May 1718; married Susannah Silsby.
20. *Keziah Geer*, born 23 February 1710; married in Preston, 9 November 1726, Manaseh Minor.
21. *Sarah Geer*, born 17 September 1712; married 29 August 1744 Timothy Herrenton.

+ 22. *Benajah Geer*, born 31 May 1714; died after 1768; married Elizabeth Clark.
+ 23. *Joseph Geer* (2), born 29 May 1719; baptized 5 July 1719; died ——; married Martha Harris.
24. *Silas Geer*, born 26 March 1722; married 6 October 1765 Masa Cook of Preston. He resided in Kent, Conn., for some years and then removed to some other locality.
+ 25. *Ezra Geer*, born 16 May 1724; died ——; married Elizabeth Canada.

6

MARGARET GEER was born in February 1669; died ——; married in Preston, in December 1695, Thomas Gates, who died 10 August 1726. They lived near her brothers, and with them her father spent his last days.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Robert Gates*, born 3 October 1696.
(2) *Zebadiah Gates*, born 4 September 1699; married Jerusha Geer (52).
(3) *Prudence Gates*, born 26 May 1703.
(4) *Daniel Gates*, born 21 April 1707.
(5) *Thomas Gates*, born 15 June 1709.
(6) *Margaret Gates*, born 4 March 1715.

7

MARY GEER was born 26 March 1671; died ——; married 23 September 1697 Zachariah Mainor. They lived in Groton (now Allyn's Point, Ledyard), adjoining the farm of her grandfather, Robert Allyn. Their descendants now living in the town spell their name Maynard.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

(1) *Zachariah Mainor*, born 23 April 1700.
(2) *Hannah Mainor*, born 23 July 1706.
(3) *Mary Mainor*, born 13 August 1711.

8

DANIEL GEER was born in September 1673; died 2 October 1749; married ——.

He lived near his brother Jonathan in the town of

Preston. The tract of land on which he settled was granted to his father by Owaneco Sachem, eldest son of Uncas, 11 December 1691, and was deeded to him by George, 22 February 1707 (Preston Records). He later added to his holdings by purchase. He was an industrious farmer, and accumulated a handsome estate. The inventory of his personal property at his decease amounted to £954. His farm remained in the possession of his descendants for many years, but later passed to a member of the family not of his lineage.

Children, all born in Preston: 7, 6 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 26. *Daniel Geer*, born 15 June 1700; died after 1794; married (1) Hannah Davison; (2) Mary Starkweather; (3) Abigail Spicer.

+ 27. *John Geer*, born 29 March 1703; baptized 1 August 1703 (called Jonathan in Church Register); died 7 March 1776; married Zerviah Geer (17).

+ 28. *Christopher Geer*, born 19 December 1706; baptized 8 July 1707; died 1 April 1795; married (1) Hannah Geer (48); (2) Prudence (Randall) Weakly.

+ 29. *Ebenezer Geer*, born 29 December 1709; baptized 1 April 1710; died ——; married Desire Herrick.

+ 30. *William Geer*, born 4 January 1713; died 5 February 1772; married (1) Esther Geer (49); (2) Dinah Weeden; (3) Mary Blodgett.

31. *Thankful Geer*, born 7 January 1721; baptized 23 April.

32. *Jacob Geer*, born in 1728; baptized 24 November; died in May 1794 (will probated at Plainfield 3 June 1794); married in Preston 22 April 1751, Anne Wheeler. His wife, and a son, Stephen, both died before him, and most of his property was left to his brother Daniel, and sons Roger and Robert. He lived in Canterbury, Conn., where he bought and sold several pieces of real estate. His wife, Anne, was buried from Trinity Church, Brooklyn, 24 January 1794.

9

Robert Geer, was born in New London 2 January 1675; died 20 November 1742; married 3 April 1700, Martha, daughter of Hopestill and Mary (Lovett) Tyler,

of Preston. She was a granddaughter of Job Tyler, the immigrant ancestor from England. She was baptized 9 April 1676, in Roxbury, Mass., and died 18 September 1741, in North Groton, Conn.

Robert lived and died on the same homestead farm where he was born. This land came to him by purchase from his brother Jonathan, and he deeded it to his three sons, Robert, Ebenezer, and James. Here he built a house, and erected the first gristmill in that section of the country. His mill, which was one of the three places where all warnings were to be posted, was situated one mile south of the site of his father's first house.

Captain Robert Geer, as he was generally known, was one of the leading men of North Groton during the first half of the eighteenth century. He held various town offices, and was for many years warden of the Episcopal Church in the north part of Groton, now Ledyard, at the village of Poquetanuck.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

33. *Mary Geer*, born 14 May 1701; died ——; married John Spicer who was born 1 January 1698.
34. *Martha Geer*, born 18 March 1704; died about 1752; married 18 July 1723 Jacob Park. Three children.
+ 35. *Robert Geer*, born 5 April 1707; died 1 January 1801; married Abigail Greenman.
+ 36. *Ebenezer Geer*, born 1 April 1710; died 28 August 1763; married Prudence Wheeler.
+ 37. *James Geer*, born 7 December 1713; died in 1755; married (1) Zipporah Williams; (2) Sarah Chesebrough.

10

Anne Geer was born 6 January 1679; died ——; married 28 May 1700, Daniel Tyler, brother of Martha, who married her brother Robert. They settled on a tract of land east of and adjoining the farm of Zachariah Mainor, who married her sister Mary. On 28 June 1715, a deed was recorded to Hopestill Tyler of 110 acres of land from Robert Geer, hence the name of Tyler Hill, by which the tract is known to-day.

Children: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *David Tyler*, born 22 February 1701.
(2) *Sarah Tyler*, born 16 August 1702.
(3) *John Tyler*, born 24 March 1705.
(4) *Job Tyler*, born 14 February 1710.
(5) *Zebedee Tyler*, born ——.

11

Isaac Geer was born in North Groton, 26 March 1681; died in 1745; married Martha Lee, daughter of Richard and Sarah Lee.

He is supposed to have remained at home until the early part of 1715, when he removed to the southern part of the paternal estate. He also purchased several adjoining tracts. The house built by him during the latter part of his life, and mentioned in his will, was standing in 1914 and occupied by a Mr. Clark, who bought it of Captain Nathaniel B. Geer. That he was a good business man is fully proved by the large estate he accumulated, though dying a young man when compared with his father, and while some of his children were minors.

Children: 9, 5 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 38. *Isaac Geer*, born ——; died in 1747; married Martha Morgan.
39. *Benjamin Geer*, born in 1717, died in 1802; married Rachel ——. No issue.
40. *Martha Geer*. No record.
41. *Lucy Geer*. She lived to be an old lady, dying a few years before her brother Benjamin. Never married.
+ 42. *George Geer*, born 10 October 1724; died 5 October 1786; married Polly Rouse.
43. *Elizabeth Geer*. } No record.
44. *Solomon Geer*. } No record.
45. *Sarah Geer*. } No record.
+ 46. *Jacob Geer*, born in 1732; died 27 January 1813; married Ann Patten.

12

Jeremiah Geer was born in September 1683; died in 1721; married Esther Hilliard.

He remained at home with his father, and by the tenor

of an agreement entered into with his parent he appears to have selected the homestead as his portion. Here he lived until his death in 1721. He was one of the first of the sons, if not the first of the children, that died. Administration was granted to Esther Geer on the estate of Jeremiah Geer, late of Groton, deceased, 18 July 1721.

Children: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 47. *Oliver Geer*, married Elizabeth Newberry.
48. *Hannah Geer*, married Christopher Geer (28).
49. *Esther Geer*, married William Geer (30).
50. *Zebulun Geer.*
51. *Zipporah Geer.*
52. *Jerusha Geer*, born ——; died 10 March 1735; married 5 June 1727 Zebadiah Gates. Three children.

THIRD GENERATION

13

JONATHAN GEER was born ——; died ——; married (1) in Preston 15 June 1721, Elizabeth Herrick, daughter of Ephraim Herrick, of Preston, Conn. She was born 14 July 1702; died 10 February 1744. He married (2) 16 April 1745, Hannah Putnam.

Children by first wife: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 53. *Aaron Geer*, born 7 May 1722; died 13 December 1813; married (1) Mercy Fisher; (2) Hannah Utley; (3) Miriam Spofford.

54. *Jonathan Geer*, born 3 June 1724; died 17 April 1774; married 5 June 1759 Anne Roath, of Norwich, Conn.

+ 55. *Stephen Geer*, born 22 February 1727; died ——; married (1) Ruth Clark; (2) Phebe Killam.

56. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 9 May 1728; died young.

+ 57. *Samuel Geer*, born 3 June 1731; died in April 1765; married (1) Mrs. Esther Clough; (2) Mrs. Abigail (Wetmore) Burt.

Children by second wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

58. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 24 January 1746.

+ 59. *Elisha Geer*, born 5 March 1750; died ——; married Desire Stanton.

19

JOSEPH GEER (1) was born 17 October 1692; died 19 May 1718; married 18 October 1713, Susannah Silsby. His will was dated Preston, 15 May 1718, and administration on his estate was granted his father 8 July 1718.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 60. *James Geer*, born 17 January 1715; died 30 September 1794; married (1) Mary Mackell; (2) Mrs. Mary Kimball.

61. *Susannah Geer*, born 28 March 1717; married Isaac Clark in July 1736.

22

BENAJAH GEER was born in Preston, Conn., 31 May 1714; died after 1768; married 26 January 1732 Elizabeth Clark of Norwich.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 62. *Jedediah Geer*, born about 1733; died about 1761; married Sarah Dodge.
63. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 1734 (baptized 22 December); married Stephen Tuttle.
64. *Benajah Geer* (baptized 2 October 1737).
65. *Sibyl Geer* (baptized 2 October 1737).
66. *Keziah Geer* (baptized 20 July 1740).

23

JOSEPH GEER (2) was born 29 May 1719; baptized 5 July 1719; died ——; married 23 December 1741, Martha Harris.

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

67. *Susannah Geer*, born 14 February 1743.
68. *Joseph Geer*, born 24 September 1747; married Woods.
69. *Silas Geer*, born 7 February 1750.
+ 70. *George Geer*, born 1 January 1752; died ——; married ——.
71. *Thomas Geer*, born 28 February 1755.
72. *Martha Geer*, born 15 July 1757.
73. *Comfort Geer*, born 18 February 1761; married, 19 April 1788, Isaac Eglestone.

25

EZRA GEER was born 16 May 1724; died ——; married in Windham 7 November 1745 Elizabeth Canada, born 4 June 1726. She was the daughter of David Canada and Margaret Lambert.

Early in life he settled in Kent, Conn.

Children: 14, 8 sons and 6 daughters:

74. *Nathaniel Geer*, born in Preston 29 March 1748; died in Kent ——; married (1) Elizabeth Menter, born in 1736; died in 1832; (2) in 1834 Clara

Carter, when he was 88 years old. He served in the Revolutionary War; owned a farm on Geer Mountain where he lived and died.

+ 75. *Ezra Geer*, born about 1755; died ——; married ——.

+ 76. *Elias Geer*, born in Kent; died in Ohio at the age of 92.

+ 77. *John Geer*, born 2 April 1759; died 25 December 1840; married Onorah Abbe.

78. *Sarah Geer*, born in Preston; married Amos Barnum.

79. *Hannah Geer*, married James Converse; died in Plainfield, Vt.

80. *Susie Geer*, born in Preston; married James Tankwright. Removed to Ohio.

81. *Patience Geer*, born in Kent; married Daniel Dewey.

82. *Margaret Geer*, born in Kent; never married.

83. *Alpheus Geer*. He was drowned in the Hudson River during the Revolutionary War while in the service of his country.

+ 84. *Elijah Geer*, born in 1765; died 8 May 1824; married Phoebe Dewey.

+ 85. *David Geer*, born 6 December 1767; died 15 April 1857; married Cynthia Parks.

86. *Elizabeth Geer*; died young.

+ 87. *Gardner Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Esther Titus.

26

Daniel Geer was born 15 June 1700; died after 1794; married (1) 29 October 1728 Hannah Davison; (2) 5 November 1747 Mary Starkweather; (3) 31 May 1750 Abigail Spicer, born 16 December 1729; died 27 May 1803.

Daniel was living at the time his brother Jacob's will was made, February 1794. (See Plainfield Probate Records.) There is also on record at Canterbury under date of 3 March 1795 a deed from Daniel Geer, Roger Geer, and Robert Geer, all of Preston, to Moses Warren, of 15 acres for £53. This would indicate that Daniel was still living at that date, at the good old age of 95 years.

Children by third wife: 8, 5 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 88. *Roger Geer*, born 18 May 1753; died 21 October 1845; married Keziah Tucker.

89. *Robert Geer*, born 25 November 1754; died 1 March 1837; married in Preston 27 January 1780 Salvina Gates, who died 26 February 1813. He served as a private in the Conn. Militia during the Revolutionary War and received N. Y. Pension 444. He was living in Warren Co., N. Y., in 1831. No issue.

+ 90. *Nathan Geer*, born 12 December 1756; died 1836; married (1) Mary Gates; (2) Olive Gates.

+ 91. *Abel Geer*, born 27 May 1759; died ——; married ——.

92. *Jacob Geer*, born about 1761; died ——; married Tammy Partridge. He moved to Warrensburg, N. Y., and died there, insane. Is said to have shot himself. He is reported to have had three daughters — Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Harris, and one son, Stephen, born about 1797, who lived for many years on the farm of his great-grandfather Daniel (8) at Griswold, Conn.

93. *Abigail Geer*, born in August 1767; died 6 February 1809; married Stephen Herrick. Twelve children.

94. *Mary Geer*, born ——; married in Preston 7 December 1750 Zoath Tucker.

95. *Alathea Geer*, born ——; died in April 1838; married Eleazar Herrick. Three children. They lived in Warren Co., N. Y.

27

JOHN GEER was born 29 March 1703; baptized 1 August 1703 (called Jonathan in Church Register); died 7 March 1776; married in Preston 12 May 1725, Zerviah Geer (17).

Children, all born in Preston: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

96. *Mary Geer*, born 11 October 1727; married in Preston 26 March 1746, Daniel Starkweather. Nine children.

+ 97. *John Geer*, born 6 August 1729; died in 1811; married Jerusha Park.

98. *Zelphia Geer*, born 1 December 1734; married in Preston 17 November 1763, David Perkins, of Exeter, R. I.

+ 99. *Asa Geer*, born 11 August 1737; died in 1781; married Rebecca Martin

+ 100. *Israel Geer*, born 9 November 1740; died 12 August 1812; married Thankful Kilburn.

28

CHRISTOPHER GEER was born 19 December 1706; baptized 8 July 1707; died 1 April 1795, aged 89 years; married (1) in Preston 7 February 1733 Hannah Geer (48); (2) in Preston 3 June 1747 Prudence (Randall) Weakly, born 24 March 1709; died 16 January 1811, aged 101 years, 9 months, 23 days.

Children by first wife: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

101. *Phineas Geer*, born 24 November 1733.
102. *Jerusha Geer*, born 1735; married Martin.
103. *Lydia Geer*, born 1737; married 23 August 1757 Samuel Guile.
104. *Jesse Geer*, born 23 March 1739; married in Preston 24 December 1765 Hannah Evens of Plainfield.
105. *Experience Geer*, born 14 July 1741; married Andrew Durkey.

Children by second wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

106. *Patience Geer*, born 17 February 1748; died before 1781; married 6 December 1773 Richard Otis. Three children.
107. *Lemuel Geer*, born 28 June 1750. Killed in a well.
108. *Phoebe Geer*, born 6 April 1753; died 9 June 1759.

29

EBENEZER GEER was born 29 December 1709; baptized 1 April 1710; died ——; married 22 April 1730, Desire Herrick.

Children: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters:

109. *Olive Geer*, born 16 August 1730; married in Preston 19 February 1755, Daniel Ray. Seven children.
110. *Caleb Geer*, born 2 July 1732; married in Colchester, 31 August 1758, Ann Hitchcock. She was baptized 1 April 1739.
+ 111. *Elijah Geer*, born 27 October 1735; died 9 May 1800; married Margaret Ross.
112. *Thankful Geer*, born 11 April 1738.
113. *Silence Geer*, born 3 May 1744.
114. *Eunice Geer*, born 15 March 1750.

30

WILLIAM GEER was born 4 January 1713; died 5 February 1772; married (1) 10 December 1733, Esther Geer (49); (2) 29 December 1757, Dinah Weeden; (3) Mary Blodgett, who died 4 April 1785, aged 71 years.

Children by first wife: 2 sons:

+ 115. *Abel Geer*, born 20 January 1735; died 4 August 1816; married Esther Fitch.
116. *Lebeus Geer* (1), born 7 August 1740; died young.

Children by second wife: 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 117. *Lebeus Geer* (2), born 30 December 1757; died 17 August 1830; married Rachel Morgan.
118. *Christian Geer*, born 10 November 1759; married in Preston 7 March 1782, Jonathan Cady.

35

ROBERT GEER was born 5 April 1707; died 1 January 1801, aged nearly 94 years; married 29 August 1733 Abigail Greenman, who died in February 1790.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

119. *Robert Geer*, born 20 June 1734; died young.
+ 120. *Amos Geer*, born 14 April 1736; died 19 May 1821; married Mary Wight.
121. *Abigail Geer*, born 19 February 1740; married 22 September 1763 Ebenezer Witter. Four children.
122. *Margaret Geer*, born 17 January 1744; died 3 November 1824; married James Babcock.

36

EBENEZER GEER was born on the homestead farm in North Groton, Conn., 1 April 1710; died there 28 August 1763; married in Stonington 2 January 1735, Prudence, daughter of Richard and Prudence (Payson) Wheeler, who was born in Stonington, 25 September 1712; died 2 June 1797 in North Groton.

Ebenezer was a successful farmer, and added many acres to the original farm of George Geer. He and his wife are both buried in the old Episcopal cemetery in

Ledyard, about two miles north of Ledyard Centre, and the inscription on his gravestone reads: "In memory of Ebenezer Geer, who lived virtuously and died hopefully."

Children: 10, 7 sons and 3 daughters:

123. *Prudence Geer*, born 2 December 1735; died 21 February 1822; married Ebenezer Punderson. Eight children.
124. *Ebenezer Geer*, born 30 June 1737; died 11 March 1753.
125. *Mary Geer*, born 24 September 1739; died 17 August 1827; married Elija Denison. No issue.
126. *Martha Geer*, born 18 December 1741; died 18 March 1826; married 28 May 1771 Daniel Denison, born 26 July 1740. Seven children.
+ 127. *Robert Geer*, born 18 February 1744; died 30 August 1834; married Lucy Fitch.
128. *John Geer*, born 24 February 1746; died 22 March 1753.
129. *Charles Geer*, born 6 July 1748; died 17 March 1753.
130. *Richard Geer*, born 11 July 1750; died 22 February 1753.
+ 131. *John Wheeler Geer*, born 8 March 1753; died 9 April 1828; married Sally Denison.
+ 132. *David Geer*, born 18 January 1755; died 31 August 1835; married Mary Stanton.

(Four children died of scarlet fever in winter of 1753.)

37

James Geer was born in North Groton, Conn., 7 December 1713; died in 1755; married (1) 24 March 1737 Zipporah, daughter of John and Mary Williams. She was born 1 August 1720; died 24 March 1739. He married (2), 27 November 1739, Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Priscilla (Alden) Chesebrough. She was born 14 August 1715; died 5 February 1786. After the death of James Geer, she married (2) Ebenezer Billings; and after his death she married (3) 3 March 1762, Captain John Denison. She is buried in the North Stonington cemetery beside her second husband. Her mother, Priscilla Alden, was the daughter of David and Mary (Southworth) Alden, and the granddaughter of John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden.

Child by first wife: 1 daughter:

133. *Zipporah Geer*, born 18 March 1739; died prior to 17 August 1762, at which date her will was presented for probate. She bequeathed to her brothers and sisters all the land inherited from her father, and left legacies to her aunt Eunice Williams, as well as her cousins, Zipporah Williams, Sarah Gallup, and Mary and Jacob Johnson.

Children by second wife: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

134. *Mary Geer*, born 30 August 1740; married in North Stonington 9 March 1758, Elisha Satterlee.
135. *Lydia Geer*, born 10 November 1742; died December 1822; married (1) 4 November 1764 Jonas Satterlee; (2) James Avery. Six children (Satterlee).
+ 136. *Lucy Geer*, born 16 May 1745; died 19 April 1810; married Sanford Billings.
137. *James Geer*, born 17 February 1747; married (1) 31 March 1771 in North Stonington, Lucy Hewitt; married (2) Hannah Bellows. No issue.
138. *Samuel Geer*, born 13 December 1750; married Catherine Eldredge. He had one daughter, *Sally*, who married Dan Worthington, but left no issue. Catherine Eldredge was born 1754, daughter of Charles and Mary (Starr) Eldredge. She married (2) Daniel Billings, son of John and Elizabeth (Page) Billings, of Stonington.

38

Isaac Geer was born ——; died in 1747; married, 1 May 1740 Martha Morgan, daughter of Captain John and Ruth (Shapley) Morgan. She was born 12 December 1711. (See Morgan Genealogy.)

About the only information we have regarding Isaac Geer, Jr., is contained in the following record:

At a Court of Probate, holden at New London, 6 April 1747, Martha Geer was appointed administrator of the estate of Isaac Geer, Jr., late of Groton, deceased. Also, at a subsequent Court, held 11 October 1748, Martha Geer exhibited the Inventory amounting to £483, and was appointed guardian to Isaac Geer, 3rd, Nathan Geer and Martha Geer, minors, under 12 years, and children to Isaac Geer, Jr., late of Groton, deceased.

This shows that there were three generations who bore the name of Isaac. Some have fallen into the error of confounding Isaac Jr. and Isaac 3rd, supposing them to be one and the same person.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 139. *Isaac Geer*, born after 1740; died after 1782; married (1) Mary Leeds; (2) Esther Gallup.

+ 140. *Nathan Geer*, born about 1742; died ——; married Jerusha Tracy.

141. *Martha Geer.*

42

George Geer was born in North Groton 10 October 1724; died there 5 October 1786; married 14 June 1752 Polly Rouse. She was born 1 May 1730; died 7 November 1822.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 142. *Richard Geer*, born 11 March 1753; died 28 July 1835; married Hannah Slade.

+ 143. *Gurdon Geer*, born 13 September 1756; died in 1829; married Sarah Williams.

144. *Sarah Geer*, born 12 November 1761; died 24 September 1788; never married.

+ 145. *Lydia Geer*, born 1 June 1763; died 25 November 1834; married William Chapman.

+ 146. *Gilbert Geer*, born 27 May 1765; died 18 April 1829; married Sally Kemp.

147. *Mary Geer*, born 1 December 1767; died 1 July 1848; married 22 March 1795 Jonathan Stoddard, who was born 14 November 1764; died 28 September 1847. Three children. (See Stoddard Family.)

148. *Lucy Geer*, born 22 January 1770; died 10 September 1788; never married.

149. *Cyrus Geer*, born 24 January 1774; died 3 October 1801; never married.

46

Jacob Geer was born in 1732; died 27 January 1813; married Ann Patten born in 1730; died in October 1804. He is buried in an ancient cemetery near Gales Ferry.

Children: 8, 6 sons and 2 daughters:

150. *Luther Geer*, born in 1754; died in 1776. He is said to have been starved to death as a prisoner of war in the old Sugar House in New York City.
+ 151. *Israel Geer*, born 21 July 1757; died in September 1799; married Mary Newton.
+ 152. *Martha Geer*, born in 1758; died in 1818; married Asa Driscoll.
+ 153. *Benjamin Geer*, born 1 June 1759; died in 1830; married Susannah Whitmarsh.
+ 154. *Solomon Geer*, born in 1760; died 15 April 1809; married (1) ——; (2) Anna Pierce.
155. *Thomas Geer*, born in 1765; died in 1802.
156. *Ann Geer*, born in 1770; died young.
+ 157. *Joshua Geer*, born in 1772; died 29 November 1847; married Lucia Crettenden.

47

Oliver Geer was born ——; died ——; married Elizabeth Newberry, of Southold, L. I. They lived for a few years at Southold, where their eldest son was born; removed to Norwich, Conn., in 1733.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 158. *Uzziel Geer*, born 22 February 1732; died 26 August 1824; married Mrs. Sally (Moore) Smith.
159. *Jeremiah Geer*, born 17 September 1733; died 12 November 1742.
160. *Asenath Geer*, born 15 September 1735.
+ 161. *Rezin Geer*, born 3 July 1737; died 3 July 1778; married Mary Vanderburgh.
+ 162. *Squire Geer*, born 22 June 1740; died 14 April 1803; married Mary Hull.
163. *Esther Geer*, born 30 May 1743; died 17 August 1823; married 17 September 1765 Stephen Barker. Nine children.

FOURTH GENERATION

53

Aaron Geer was born 7 May 1722; died 13 December 1813, aged 91 years; married (1) in Preston, Conn., 20 January 1743, Mercy Fisher, who died 2 February 1752; married (2) in Windham, Conn., 8 July 1755, Hannah Utley, born ——; died 25 December 1755; married (3) in 1758, Miriam Spofford, daughter of Francis and Priscilla (Walcott) Spofford, born 27 October 1727; died 1 January 1818, aged 91 years.

During the Revolutionary War Aaron Geer was captain of 12th Co., 5th Regt., State Militia, State of Connecticut.

In the 1914 Genealogy there was printed a facsimile of an order from Colonel Jed Elderkin, directing Captain Geer to muster his company ready to march to New London to oppose a landing by the British.

Hannah Utley, the second wife of Aaron Geer, was killed by being thrown from her horse when on the way to Windham. This marriage and the birth of her child are not given in many of the family records.

Children by first wife: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 164. *Samuel Geer*, born 8 November 1743; died ——; married Phoebe Redington.

+ 165. *Anna Geer*, born 22 December 1745; died 23 October 1773; married Jonathan Kingsbury.

166. *Mercy Geer*, born 2 September 1747.

167. *Amos Geer*, born 22 September 1749; died in 1828; married Freelove Berge. Three children.

Child by second wife: 1 daughter:

+ 168. *Hannah Geer*, born 2 November 1755; died 20 January 1835; married Stephen Holt.

Children by third wife: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters:

169. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 25 June 1759; died 29 March 1844; married 3 May 1785 Jedediah Lamphere.

+ 170. *Isaiah Geer*, born 25 June 1762; died 21 June 1830; married Philomela Cary.

171. *Aletha Geer*, born 19 April 1764; married Jesse Parish of Windham and had a large family of children.

172. *Lydia Geer*, born 25 November 1766; married James Johnson of Scotland. He settled in Montgomery County, New York, and died there. He was a colonel in the militia.

173. *Asenath Geer*, born 22 August 1769; married Elisha Johnson, brother of James who married her sister. He settled in Brookfield, Madison County, New York. They had seven children: 6 sons and 1 daughter, all of whom married.

174. *James Geer*. No record.

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STEPHEN GEER was born 22 February 1727; died ——; married (1) in Preston 8 January 1747, Ruth Clark, of Norwich, Conn. She died 29 March 1763. Married (2) 28 June 1764 Phebe Killam, who died 4 May 1789.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

175. *Anna Geer*, born 28 September 1747; married in Preston, 5 August 1771, John Page. They had five children (Page): (1) William; (2) Jonathan, born 1773; married 29 August 1797 Betsey Root, of Gilead, born 1778; a son, Jonathan Geer Page, of Hebron, was Judge of Probate; (3) Polly; (4) David; (5) Thomas. (See Page Family.)

+ 176. *Thomas Geer*, born 9 August 1750; died 26 February 1812; married (1) Meribah Killam; (2) Elizabeth Hakes Wilber.

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SAMUEL GEAR was born 3 June 1731; died in April 1765; married (1) 25 July 1753 Mrs. Esther (Cornwall) Clough; married (2) Mrs. Abigail (Wetmore) Burt, who was born in Middletown, Conn., 18 September 1729, and died there 12 September 1789.

Esther Cornwall married (1) 14 October 1741 John

Clough, who died 20 September 1751. They had six children. She died before 5 May 1763, as the estate of her brother Ebenezer Cornwall is divided to her heirs on that date.

The town records of Middletown do not show when Samuel Gear arrived there or where he came from, but the records of the First Congregational Church state that Captain Samuel Gear made profession of faith 28 April 1754.

Children by first wife: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 177. *Samuel Gear*, born in 1754; died in January 1805; married Hannah Phelps.

178. *Esther Gear*, born about 1756; married 11 December 1777 Amos Hulburt.

179. *Epaphras Gear*, baptized 10 September 1758.

+ 180. *George Gear*, born 8 March 1760; died 18 November 1829; married (1) Mary Davis; (2) Olive Arnold.

Child by second wife: 1 son:

+ 181. *Hezekiah Gear*, born 26 April 1761; died 4 August 1822; married Sarah Gilbert.

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Elisha Geer was born 5 March 1750; died ——; married in Preston 21 March 1770, Desire Stanton.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

+ 182. *Denison Geer*, born 17 July 1771; died 14 February 1816; married Polly Smith.

183. *Sophia Geer*, born 11 January 1773; married 25 December 1805 Perry Clark.

184. *Anna Geer*, baptized 19 November 1775; married 21 March 1797 Joseph G. Smith.

185. *Rebecca Geer*, born 12 September 1777; married 31 October 1800 James Camp.

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James Geer was born 17 January 1715; died 30 September 1794; married (1) in Preston 5 November 1735, Mary Mackell, who died 18 March 1776; married (2) 10 November 1776, Mrs. Mary Kimball. He was known as "Sergeant Jimmie."

Children by first wife: 11, 6 sons and 5 daughters:

186. *Elias Geer*, born 12 January 1738.
187. *Elifel Geer*, born 7 March 1740; died 16 October 1817; married in Preston, 25 February 1762, Asa Partridge. Eleven children.
+ 188. *Silsby Geer*, born 26 July 1742; died in 1773; married Lydia Allen.
189. *Mary Geer*, born 12 January 1745; married 12 June 1768 Nathaniel Adams.
190. *James Geer*, born 24 March 1747.
191. *Susannah Geer*, born 12 September 1749; married 17 November 1770 John Morse. Six children.
192. *Olive Geer*, born 17 March 1752.
+ 193. *Jonas Geer* (twin), born 18 April 1754; died after 1800; married Martha Burton.
194. *Allen Geer* (twin), born 18 April 1754; died ——; married in Preston 12 January 1775, Mary Burton.
195. *Joseph Geer*, born 3 May 1756.
196. *Keziah Geer*, born 19 July 1758; married in Preston 13 January 1780, Caleb Hall of Plainfield.

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JEDEDIAH GEER was born in Coventry about 1733; (baptized 12 May 1734); died before April 1761; married 20 February 1755 Sarah Dodge, daughter of Andrew and Lydia (Bridgeman) Dodge. She was born 10 March 1737.

In November 1759 Jedediah Geer and Sarah, his wife, of New Partners, Dutchess County, New York, gave a quit claim deed to his father Benajah, of Coventry, Conn., of land which the said Sarah had received from her father's estate. Benajah resold the land in April 1761, and in the deed speaks of his son as "deceased."

At a Probate Court, held in Mansfield 3 September 1768, Benajah was appointed guardian for Benajah Geer, Jr., and Jedediah Geer, minors.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 197. *Benajah Geer*, born 3 December 1754; died 8 May 1839; married Mary Fairchild.
+ 198. *Jedediah Geer*, born 8 December 1757; died ——; married Phoebe Hawkins.
199. *Sibyl Geer*, born 9 November 1759; died ——; married 10 May 1785 Philip Turner.

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GEORGE GEER was born 1 January 1752; died ——; married ——. He was living in Stonington in 1801.

Children: 10, 6 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 200. *Silas Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Polly Larkin.
+ 201. *Aaron Geer*, born ——; died ——; married ——.
202. *Ezra Geer*, born 1807; died 10 December 1890, aged 83 years.
+ 203. *Thomas Geer*, born ——; died in 1817; married Mary Palmer.
+ 204. *George Geer*, born 1 November 1792; died 6 October 1869; married Elizabeth Newton.
205. *Jefferson Geer.*
206. *Anna Geer.*
207. *Betsey Geer.*
208. *Lucy Geer* } twins.
209. *Lura Geer* }

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EZRA GEER was born in Kent, Conn., about 1755; moved to Vermont and later to Avon, Ohio, where he died; married ——.

Children: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

210. *Calvin Geer.*
211. *Luther Geer.*
+ 212. *Amos C. Geer*, born 20 July 1789; died 20 May 1874; married (1) Dolly Thompson; (2) ——.
213. *Joseph Geer.* He lived and died in Michigan.
214. *Abigail Geer.*

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ELIAS GEER was born in Kent, Conn., about 1757; died in Ohio about 1849 aged 92 years; married ——.

Children: 1 son, and probably others:

+ 215. *John Coin Geer*, born 25 July 1790; died 14 April 1841; married Mary Ward Forbes.

77

JOHN GEER was born 2 April 1759, in Kent, Conn.; died 25 December 1840, in Peru, Mass., aged 81 years; married in 1780, Onorah Abbe, daughter of Obadiah and Zeruiah (Balch) Abbe. She was born in Ashford, Conn., 26 September 1766; died in Peru, 20 November 1845.

He moved in early life to Peru, and settled in the southern part of that town, where he was a prosperous farmer.

Children: 11, 9 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 216. *Calvin Geer* (1), born 8 June 1781; died 1 April 1807; married Unity Anderson.
+ 217. *Alpheus Geer*, born 19 September 1783; died 12 April 1846; married Keziah Judd.
+ 218. *Luther Geer*, born 21 April 1786; died 30 March 1853; married (1) Joanne Geer; (2) Lydia Bisbee.
+ 219. *John Geer*, born 30 March 1789; died ——; married (1) Polly Cross; (2) Charlotte Wood; (3) Lois Woeden.
+ 220. *Susannah Geer*, born 6 February 1792; died 29 August 1832; married Luther Granger.
+ 221. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 5 December 1794; died 7 February 1854; married John Ferguson.
+ 222. *Obadiah Geer*, born 14 August 1797; died 11 March 1854; married Amelia Wing.
+ 223. *Peter Geer*, born 8 March 1800; died 13 June 1868; married (1) Polly Kent; (2) Sally S. Kent.
+ 224. *Ira Geer*, born 21 August 1802; died 12 September 1836; married Lucy Prince Raymond.
225. *Lyman Geer*, born 13 June 1805; died 20 March 1818.
226. *Calvin Geer* (2), born 8 May 1808; died 25 January 1821.

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ELIJAH GEER was born in Kent in 1765; died in Washington 8 May 1824; married —— Phoebe Dewey.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 227. *Alpheus Geer*, born 7 August 1788; died 3 February 1866; married Sarah W. Marshall.
+ 228. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 24 November 1793; died 20 November 1843; married Ira Baker.

85

DAVID GEER was born 6 December 1767; died in New York City 15 April 1857 (buried in Montrose, Penn.); married 4 April 1793, Cynthia Parks, who was born 4 April 1770; died 10 November 1854.

Children, all born in Kent, Conn.: 8, 1 son and 7 daughters:

229. *Sally Williams Geer*, born 5 February 1794; died 10 December 1876; married Orin Clemons. Two sons.
+ 230. *Welcome Geer*, born 4 May 1798; died 16 September 1833; married Sylvia Bishop.
231. *Pamelia Augusta Geer*, born 18 October 1800; died ——; married in Montrose, Penn., in 1832, Benjamin Hitchcock, of Claremont, N. H.
232. *Eliza Geer*, born 10 March 1803; married Albert Beardsley. Four children.
233. *Cynthia Geer*, born 30 August 1805; married Holden Dewey.
234. *Armaluna Geer*, born 15 October 1807; married Simon Park. A son, Gilbert Geer Park, born 11 August 1843, married in May 1864 Sarah Jane Preston, and had six children.
235. *Azubah Geer*, born 24 July 1810; died 4 May 1845; married in 1842 James Helm. Three children.
236. *Phoebe Ann Geer*, born 3 May 1813; died 3 February 1853; married O. P. Townsend.

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GARDNER GEER was born ——; died ——; married Esther Titus.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

237. *Lucy Geer*, married David Judd.
238. *Lucinda Geer*, married Alden Swift.
239. *Betsey Geer*, married Philip Judd. Two children.
240. *Charles Geer*, married Amarinda Cole. Lived in Kent, Conn., Two sons.
241. *Milo Geer*, married Loretta Bishop. Two children.
242. *Margaret Geer*, married Joel Young. Died in Kent, Conn.
243. *Esther Geer*, also married Philip Judd, after death of her sister. No issue.

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ROGER GEER was born in Preston, Conn., 18 May 1753; died in Black Lick, Penn., 21 October 1845, aged 92 years. He married, 24 November 1774, Keziah Tucker, a sister of Zoath Tucker, who married his sister Mary (94). Keziah was born in 1756, and died 18 March 1831, aged 75.

Roger at one time owned a farm at Argyle, near Warrensburg, N. Y. Later he moved to Black Lick, Indiana County, Penn. In 1843, at the age of 90, he was granted a pension (No. 8552), for service in the Revolutionary War. The record shows that he enlisted in July 1776 from Preston, Conn., as a private in Captain Samuel Thompson's company, Colonel Gardner Saltonstall. He served for several short periods ranging from a few days to two or three months each year up to 1783, the total time being 26 months and 15 days. He was engaged in the battles of Danbury and Saratoga.

Children: 11, 6 sons and 5 daughters:

244. *Daniel Geer*, born 6 May 1776; died ——; married his cousin Sarah Geer (255).
245. *Cyrus Geer*, born about 1778; died ——; married Polly Lathrop.
+ 246. *James Geer*, born about 1780; died ——; married Mary Geer (256).
+ 247. *Elisha Geer*, born in 1785; died 25 October 1814; married Penelope Davis.
248. *Eunice Geer*, born in 1786; died ——; married Silas Davis.
+ 249. *Keziah Geer*, born 25 June 1787; died 12 September 1870; married Samuel Noble Stackhouse.
+ 250. *Abby Geer*, born 21 April 1789; died 10 April 1873; married Samuel Newton.
251. *Betsey Geer*, never married.
252. *Susan Geer*, born 26 January 1792; died 8 June 1864; married John Langworthy. Thirteen children.
253. *Robert Geer*, born about 1795; died in Hartford about 40 miles from Warrensburg, N. Y., at the age of 17, of blood poisoning as the result of cutting himself accidentally with a penknife.
254. *Luther Geer*, born about 1797; died in Brookville, Jefferson County, Penn., whence he had moved from Blairsville.

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NATHAN GEER was born in Preston 12 December 1756; died 6 August 1836 aged 80 years; married (1) in Preston 1 October 1778 Mary Gates, born in 1759; died 23 August 1798; married (2) in Norwich, 23 October 1798, Olive Gates, sister of Salvina Gates, who married his brother Robert (89). She was born 6 March 1753; died 23 December 1834.

He was a successful business man, and also held several town offices. He was universally esteemed for his good judgment and high principles. He was a member of the Pachaug Congregational Church, and was much interested in church work.

Children: 6, 1 son and 5 daughters:

255. *Sarah Geer*, born 13 September 1779; died ——; married in Preston 6 July 1797, her cousin Daniel Geer (244).
256. *Mary Geer*, born 11 January 1784; died 14 October 1860; married her cousin James Geer (246).
257. *Lucy Geer*, born 27 May 1787; died 29 June 1864; married Vaniah Abell. Two sons.
258. *Abby Geer*, born 15 April 1793; died in Griswold ——; married 19 March 1815 Elijah Weeden. No issue.
259. *Alathea Geer*, born 8 November 1789; died in Erie County, Penn., 22 October 1833; married Joseph Phillips. Five children.
+ 260. *Nathan Geer*, born 5 September 1797; died in August 1882; married Priscilla Lee Stoddard.

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ABEL GEER was born 27 May 1759; died ——; married ——.

He owned a farm at Argyle, near Warrensburg, N. Y. Later he moved to Ohio, where he had a large farm and gristmill on the present site of Sandusky. Here he was killed by the Indians, with his wife and two sons. A daughter escaped by hiding under the hay in the barn. She afterwards married a Mr. Sheppard. (?)

A letter, 13 May 1892, from Harrison D. Mason, 162

Ridge Ave., Allegheny, Penn., states that his grandmother, Alathea Geer, whose parents were killed by Indians at Sandusky, Ohio, married in February 1818 his grandfather, Archibald Dale Mason. She died in Pittsburg 28 December 1837.

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JOHN GEER was born 6 August 1729; died in 1811; married (1) ——; married (2) in Preston, Conn., 4 October 1759 Jerusha Park born 12 January 1739; died in 1806. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Children: 8, 3 sons and 5 daughters:

261. *Molly Geer*, born ——; died in 1806; married Phillips. Several children.
262. *Thankful Geer*, born ——; died——; married Macomber.
263. *Joshua Geer*, born ——; died in 1840; married in 1810 Letty Button. Four sons.
264. *Mercy Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Kinney. No children.
265. *Sophia Geer*, born ——; died ——; married George Hall. No children.
+ 266. *Levi Geer*, born 22 September 1775; died 15 December 1853; married Lavinia Rood.
+ 267. *Rufus Geer*, born 25 November 1777; died in 1872, aged 95 years; married Azuba Woodmansee.
268. *Zerviah Geer*, born 3 October 1779.

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ASA GEER was born in Preston, Conn., 11 August 1737; died in New York State in 1781, (letters of administration granted in Plainfield, Conn., 6 March 1781). He married (1) ——. He married (2) 13 November 1764 Rebecca ("Betsey") Martin. After his death Rebecca Geer married (2) 9 January 1783 Jonathan Pike, and moved to Vermont.

There is a tradition in the family that Asa was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; was captured by the British, and imprisoned on one of their ships in New York Harbor; that he escaped by jumping overboard and

swimming to the shore over a mile away, and that he received a pension from the government for his services. In an effort to clear this matter up, George W. Gere, an attorney at Champaign, Ill., wrote the Department of State at Washington regarding the record of Asa Geer and received a reply in November 1878 to the effect "that the papers of that period preserved in this Department have been carefully examined and that no mention of the name of Asa Geer has been found therein."

There is also a tradition current among his descendants that Asa Geer starved to death on the prison ship, which also is probably incorrect.

Child by first wife: 1 son:

+ 269 *Asa Geer*, born in 1762; died in June 1836; married (1) Olive Harris; (2) Mary Stead. According to the Preston records, on 4 April 1776 Asa Geer was appointed guardian to his son, Asa Geer, a minor under 14 years of age. This would seem to prove that Asa Geer married twice and had a son, Asa, Jr., by the first marriage.

Children by second wife: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

270. *George Geer*, born 3 December 1765; died in 1790.
+ 271. *Ebenezer Stowell Geer*, born 16 June 1768; died 10 March 1845; married Lucy Hibbard.
272. *Zillah Geer*, born 5 September 1770; married George Meech.
+ 273. *John Geer*, born 21 February 1773; died 16 November 1846; married Polly Clark.
274. *Sarah Geer*, born 15 March 1775; married Micajah Coburn. Three children.
275. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 2 May 1778; died 28 April 1863; married 15 March 1798 Dr. James D. Fransisco. Five children.
276. *David Martin Geer*, born 11 August 1780; died in 1832; married, and had three sons: *George*, *Benjamin*, and *Asahel*.

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Israel Geer was born in Brooklyn, Conn., 9 November 1740; died in Wells, Vt., 12 August 1812; married 14 October 1765 Thankful Kilburn born in 1747; died in 1813.

He was a farmer. Settled in Wells, Vt., in 1783; lived and died there.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 277. *Alba Geer*, born 26 December 1768; died 12 October 1828; married Cynthia Bennett.
278. *Josiah Geer*, born in 1770; died in 1836; married Hulda Green. Eight children.
279. *Israel Geer*, born in 1772; died in 1857; married in 1795 ——.
280. *Lucy Geer*, born in 1775; died in 1838; married (1) in 1795 Aaron Curtis; (2) in 1830 Seth Gansey. Four children (Curtis).
281. *Anna (Susanna) Geer*, born in 1778; died in 1840; married in 1800 Robert Mariman.
282. *Gordon Geer*, born in 1788; died in 1842; married in 1811 —— Hazen.

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Elijah Geer was born 27 October 1735; died 9 May 1800; married in Norwich 20 January 1762 Margaret Ross, born 15 February 1743; died 16 August 1830.

Children: 12, 6 sons and 6 daughters:

283. *Hannah Geer*, born 11 January 1762; died in April 1816.
284. *Thankful Geer*, born 14 February 1764; died 19 November 1849; married Townsend S. Gardner. Eleven children.
285. *Nathan Geer*, born 18 February 1766.
286. *Silvina Geer*, born 18 February 1768; died 12 March 1840.
287. *Aphiah Geer*, born 10 May 1770.
288. *Lucinda Geer*, born 24 July 1772.
289. *Betsey Geer*, born 7 September 1774.
290. *Elijah Geer*, born 28 March 1777.
291. *Elisha Geer*, born 30 September 1778.
292. *Elias Geer*, born 12 May 1782; married and had a son *Nelson P. Geer* who lived in Norwich, N. Y.
293. *Eunice Geer*, born 27 April 1785.
+ 294. *Dyer Geer*, born 30 July 1787; died 23 July 1865; married Sarah Jefferson.

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ABEL GEER was born 20 January 1735; died 4 August 1816, aged 81 years; married in Preston 5 February 1766, Esther Fitch, who died 19 April 1825, aged 82 years.

Children: 10, 6 sons and 4 daughters:

295. *Esther Geer*, born 5 November 1766; married in 1797 Samuel Smith, who died 1 January 1801. Four children.
+ 296. *Samuel Geer*, born 5 December 1768; died 21 November 1810; married Lucy Tracy.
297. *William Geer*, born 13 July 1771; died 17 September 1773.
298. *Polly Geer*, born 19 October 1775; married Gideon Guile.
+ 299. *Charles Geer*, born 28 January 1777; died 30 May 1838; married Sally Graves.
300. *Zipporah Geer*, born 14 March 1779; died in 1836.
301. *Martha Geer*, born 28 March 1781; married —— Downing.
+ 302. *Ebenezer Geer*, born 28 March 1783; died 16 November 1857; married Elethea Marshall.
303. *Moses Geer*, born 25 September 1786; died 3 October 1788.
+ 304. *Fitch Geer*, born 18 April 1788; died 2 August 1860; married Diana Townsend.

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LEBEUS GEER was born 30 December 1757; died 17 August 1830; married in Preston 1 June 1780, Rachel Morgan, born 17 November 1759; died 17 August 1835. She was daughter of Captain James and Grace (Smith) Morgan. He served three months in the army during the Revolutionary War, and was present at the battle of Saratoga, and saw Burgoyne's surrender. He was only 19 years old at the time, and left the army without getting a discharge. In October 1806 he moved from Connecticut to Paris, Oneida County, New York, where he had a farm.

Children, all born in Preston, Conn.: 9, 4 sons and 5 daughters:

305. *Henry Geer*, born 30 August 1781; died 9 April 1831; married 15 October 1807 Eunice Morse. Two daughters.
306. *Jeremiah Geer*, born 27 August 1783; died 7 April 1837.
307. *Elias Geer*, born 20 May, 1785; died 24 April 1861.
+ 308. *Amos Geer*, born 11 April 1787; died 9 February 1873; married Betsey Briggs.
309. *Betsey Geer*, born 21 May 1789; died 16 April 1855; married in 1830 Laban Johnson.
310. *Margery Geer*, born 17 June 1792; died 2 August 1874.
311. *Maria Geer*, born 4 March 1795; died 3 September 1888.
312. *Eliza Geer*, born 11 August 1797; died 25 June 1874.
313. *Flora Geer*, born 3 May 1800; died 21 July 1885.

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Amos Geer was born 14 April 1736; died 19 May 1821, aged 85 years; married about 1758, Mary Wight, of Norwich, now Preston. She was born in 1737; died 18 July 1822.

He graduated at Yale in 1757. He was a successful farmer, and filled many town offices. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years, and as such performed the marriage ceremony for more than one hundred couples, as it was customary in those days to call upon a civil magistrate rather than a clergyman for that service. He was a superior penman, and many old documents in his fine handwriting are still preserved in the records of Groton from 1781 to 1815.

On 20 June 1774 he was appointed by the town one of the Committee of Correspondence in the Cause of Liberty for the Colonies, after the British had ordered the port of Boston closed. He represented the town of Groton in the State Legislature in 1780, and again in 1790.

Children: 10, 4 sons and 6 daughters:

+ 314. *Robert Geer*, born 28 March 1761; married Cassandria Stanton.
315. *Polly Geer*, born 10 November 1762; died 2 January 1857, aged 95 years.

+ 316. *Ebenezer Geer*, born 28 October 1764; died about 1835; married Lucy Chapman.

317. *Abigail Geer*, born 28 August 1766; died 2 December 1856; married Nehemiah Smith, Jr. Four children.

+ 318. *Greenman Geer*, born 2 October 1767; married (1) Eleanor Reed; (2) Dorcas Dunham; (3) Charlotte Davis.

319. *Ruth Geer*, born 12 September 1770; died 7 October 1772.

+ 320. *Amos Geer*, born 7 October 1772; died 19 March 1865; married Prudence Allyn.

321. *Margaret Geer*, born 26 January 1775; died in February 1787.

322. *Sally Geer*, born 25 April 1777; married David Bevier. Eight children.

323. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 12 June 1781; married Lodowick Bill. Ten children.

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ROBERT GEER was born in Ledyard 18 February 1744; died there 30 August 1834, aged 90 years; married 4 November 1767, Lucy Fitch, of Windham, born 26 March 1753; died 16 July 1804. He was a graduate of Yale in 1763.

Children: 8, 3 sons and 5 daughters:

+ 324. *Prudence Geer*, born 13 October 1768; died 15 July 1854; married Amos Bailey.

325. *Eunice Geer*, born 20 June 1771; died in Ledyard 11 April 1858, aged 86 years; never married.

+ 326. *Lucinda Geer*, born 27 June 1774; died 2 November 1858; married Lyman Killam.

+ 327. *Charles Geer*, born 19 July 1776; died 5 February 1842; married Sarah Denison.

+ 328. *Ebenezer Geer*, born 8 February 1779; died 2 December 1845; married Pedy Elery Morgan.

329. *Alice Geer*, born 26 April 1781; died in Ledyard, 27 April 1869, aged 88 years; never married.

+ 330. *James Geer*, born 31 October 1783; died 4 March 1872; married Sally Lewis.

+ 331. *Sophia Geer*, born 12 June 1786; died 30 March 1882; married Stephen Breed.

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JOHN WHEELER GEER was born 8 March 1753; died 9 April 1828; married in North Stonington 3 September 1778, Sally Denison of Stonington. She was born 18 February 1748; died 2 May 1815.

Children: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 332. *John Geer*, born 11 June 1779; died 29 October 1863; married Mehetabel Leonard.
+ 333. *Nathan Geer*, born 30 April 1781; died 7 April 1868; married Sophia Rossiter.
+ 334. *Elijah Denison Geer*, born 17 April 1783; died 10 August 1848; married Dorothy Geer (339).
335. *Sally Geer*, born 25 January 1785; died ——.
+ 336. *Moses Tyler Geer*, born 11 January 1787; died 18 October 1843; married Hannah Phelps Denison.
+ 337. *Samuel Geer*, born 30 November 1788; died 27 February 1877; married Anna Geer (345).
338. *Mary Geer*, born 28 March 1792; died 13 October 1842.

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DAVID GEER was born in North Groton 18 January 1755; died there 31 August 1835; married 17 May 1781, Mary, daughter of Lieutenant Joseph and Anna (Wheeler) Stanton. She was born in Stonington 28 August 1756; died 31 August 1835.

As a younger son, he received only a small inheritance of land, to which he added by purchase. In 1785 he built the house afterwards occupied by his son Isaac W. Geer. Later he bought of Captain Samuel Killam a farm on Rose Hill and built a new dwelling upon it. This farm was long occupied by his son Joseph. In connection with his farming he carried on the trade of tanner and shoemaker, and accumulated a good estate for the times in which he lived. He was known to all as "Uncle David."

Children: 10, 7 sons and 3 daughters:

339. *Dorothy Geer*, born 22 April 1782; died 26 February 1870; married Elijah D. Geer (334).

+ 340. *David Geer*, born 20 January 1784; died 19 May 1867; married Anna Gallup.
+ 341. *William Stanton Geer*, born 28 October 1785; died 15 September 1852; married Lovisa Brewster.
+ 342. *Prudence Geer*, born 30 March 1788; died 6 July 1871; married Isaac Gallup.
+ 343. *Joseph Geer*, born 16 February 1790; died 9 April 1864; married Lura Witter.
344. *Cyrus Geer*, born 1 April 1792; died 22 February 1797.
345. *Anna Geer*, born 12 August 1794; died 28 January 1883; married Samuel Geer (337).
+ 346. *Robert Geer*, born 20 November 1796; died 18 December 1877; married Sophia Stanton.
+ 347. *Isaac Wheeler Geer*, born 1 June 1801; died 5 January 1855; married (1) Asenath Williams; (2) Experience Avery.
+ 348. *Charles Geer*, born 19 August 1803; died 6 November 1870; married Elizabeth B. Hall.

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Lucy Geer was born in North Groton, 16 May 1745; died in Stonington 19 April 1810; married in North Stonington 24 January 1760, Sanford, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Noyes) Billings. He was born 22 April 1736 and died 25 April 1806. They are both buried in the North Stonington cemetery near the Gallup farm.

In 1769, Sanford Billings was commissioned ensign in the British service. In 1776 he received a commission as lieutenant from Governor Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut, and was promoted captain in 1783. He was a man of wealth and prominence.

Children: 11, 9 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Ebenezer Billings*, born 21 January 1761; died 7 April 1787.
(2) *Sanford Billings*, born 15 April 1763; died 22 February 1787.
(3) *Robert Billings*, born 15 December 1764; died 15 February 1796.
(4) Son, born 7 April, died 30 April 1767.
(5) *Gilbert Billings*, born 25 November 1768; died May 1856; married Lucy Swan.

(6) *Coddington Billings*, born 25 October 1770; died February 1845; married (1) Mrs. Eunice Wheeler; (2) Mrs. Amy Babcock.
(7) *Noyes Billings*, born 20 March 1773; died 17 October 1797.
(8) *Lucy Billings*, born 20 June 1775; died 26 February 1837; married 20 March 1796, Stephen Meech.
(9) *James Geer Billings*, born 4 October 1777; died 2 July 1798.
(10) *Sarah Billings*, born 17 July 1781; died 8 January 1800.
(11) *Washington Billings*, born 21 December 1783; died 9 September 1799.

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Isaac Geer was born after 1740; died after 1782; married (1) Mary Leeds, who died in 1782; married (2) Esther Gallup, born December 1747; died 21 July 1831.

The military record of Captain Isaac Geer, as accepted by the Sons of the Revolution, is as follows:

Lieutenant in Connecticut Militia, 1776; also in 4th Battalion, served in Rhode Island, 1776–77; also in Col. Latimer's Regiment at Saratoga in 1777; also in Captain Prentice's Company, "Provisional Regiment," October-December 1781; Captain of "Conditional Militia," 1782.

He lived in Galway, Saratoga County, New York. His children were all born in Groton, Conn., about one mile south of the old Isaac Geer homestead. Mr. James Geer states that there may be some errors in the record, as he was dependent upon memory for his facts.

Children by first wife: 10, 5 sons and 5 daughters:

+ 349. *Sarah Geer*, born 20 August 1762; died 25 August 1846; married Joseph Brewster.
350. *Elizabeth Geer*, married Elkanah Hewitt.
+ 351. *Isaac Geer*, born about 1765; died in 1847; married Deborah Wright.
352. *Polly Geer*, married Ephraim Bellows. Resided in Whitestone, N. Y.
353. *Patty Geer*, married Paul Williams. Died in Groton, Conn.

354. *Ezra Geer*, born 6 October 1771; died in Groton 13 June 1855; married Thankful Smith, born 21 January 1775; died 1 July 1864. No issue.
355. *Nathan Geer*, died at sea. No issue.
+ 356. *Luther Geer*, born in 1775; died July 1862; married Almira Buell.
+ 357. *William Geer*, born 20 February 1776; died 25 November 1849; married Rebecca Merriman.
358. *Anne Geer*, married a Mr. Merriman; lived in western New York.

Child by second wife: 1 daughter:

359. *Prudence Geer*, born 20 September 1783; died 26 April 1836; married Ezra Bailey, and left a family. Lived in Groton, Conn.

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NATHAN GERE was born about 1742; died ——; married in Preston 1 May 1766 Jerusha Tracy.

Resided about one mile southeast of Preston.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

360. *Jedediah Gere*, born 21 January 1766; died 27 January 1818; married and had a family. Lived and died in Northampton, Mass.
361. *Lucy Gere*, born 8 May 1769; married a Mr. Corning.
+ 362. *Isaac Gere*, born 6 December 1771; died 24 September 1812; married (1) Jemima Kingsley; (2) Lucy Ware.
363. *Nathan Gere*, born 1 March 1774; died 2 September 1824; married Nancy Denison.

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RICHARD GEER was born 11 March 1753; died 28 July 1835, aged 82 years; married Hannah Slade, born in 1759; died 27 September 1807.

He lived at first on the homestead of his father, but later moved with his family to Pittstown, New York, and died there.

Children: 7, 2 sons and 5 daughters:

364. *Roxellana Geer*, born 7 January 1782; died 16 February 1865; married S. W. Newton. No issue.

365. *Clarissa Geer*, born 23 May 1783; died 11 June 1840; never married.
+ 366. *Erastus Geer* (twin), born 14 January 1789; died 27 May 1864; married Sophia Spicer.
367. *Fanny Geer* (twin), born 14 January 1789; died 19 July 1872; married John Slade. Five children.
368. *Polly Geer*, born 2 April 1793; died 27 March 1802.
+ 369. *Gilbert Geer*, born 7 September 1795; died 22 April 1882; married (1) Audria Spencer; (2) Mary D. DeWolf.
370. *Matilda Geer*, born 8 April 1798; married 12 January 1823 Benjamin Gibbs. Five children.

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GURDON GEER was born 13 September 1756; died in 1829; married Sarah Williams, born in 1755; died 26 March 1816.

He served three years in the Revolutionary War.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 371. *George Geer*, born 2 May 1783; died ——; married Diedinia Daboll.
+ 372. *Samuel Geer*, born 25 November 1784; died ——; married Polly Latham.
373. *Lucy Geer*, born ——; died in Groton in 1863; married Rock E. Williams. No children.
374. *Benajah Geer*, born in Groton ——; died in Ohio.

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LYDIA GEER was born 1 June 1763; died 25 November 1834; married William Chapman, born in 1754; died 20 June 1792.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Olive Chapman*, born 23 March 1787; died 24 April 1857; married 30 December 1804 Rufus Chapman. He was born 27 December 1778; died 1 May 1865. Twelve children.
(2) *William Chapman*, born 2 November 1791; married in Hoosick, N. Y., 12 November 1816, Roxellana Thurber, a descendant in the seventh generation of Peter Spicer. She was born in Hoosick, 27

April 1793; died there 22 February 1846. They had four children, three sons and one daughter. (See Spicer Genealogy.)

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GILBERT GEER was born 27 May 1765; died 18 April 1829; married 21 December 1802 Sally Kemp of Newbern, N. C. She died 11 February 1854.

As a young man he moved to Wilmington, N. C., where he was engaged in the mercantile business until some years before his death.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

+ 375. *Lavinia Henrietta Geer*, born 15 July 1808; died 10 June 1862; married Louis H. Marsletter.

+ 376. *Edwin Geer*, born 17 February 1817; died 16 July 1880; married (1) Margaret A. Beckwith; (2) Bettie Blount.

+ 377. *Sallie Caroline Geer*, born 10 June 1819; died 6 February 1846; married William J. Price.

There were also 2 sons and 2 daughters who died young: (1) *George W.*, born 17 November 1804; (2) *William H.*, born 10 September 1806; (3) *Emily C.*, born 1 September 1810, and (4) *Sophia E.*, born 15 October 1812.

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ISRAEL GEER was born 21 July 1757; died in Hampton, Va., in September 1799; married 4 February 1779, Mary Newton, who was born in North Groton 14 December 1758; died 21 November 1836, and is buried on the James Gray farm, Ledyard, Conn. She was a descendant in the fifth generation of Peter Spicer.

Children: 7, 2 sons and 5 daughters:

378. *Israel Geer*, born 2 November 1779; married 12 February 1801 Susan Hempstead; had a daughter, *Susan*, who married John Culver, and had three children.

379. *Polly Geer*, born 12 November 1781; married Thomas Latham; had a daughter, *Sophia*, who died young.

380. *Amy Geer*, born 10 March 1784; married Nathaniel Robinson and had a large family.
381. *Fanny Sophia Geer*, born 26 October 1786; married Amasa Standish, and had a large family. Resided in Colchester, Conn.
382. *George Whitefield Geer*, born 18 January 1792; married (1) ——; (2) Eliza Ann Archer. He lived in New York City.
+ 383. *Cynthia Geer*, born 21 March 1794; died 6 August 1839; married Samuel Hallett.
384. *Charlotte Geer*, born 24 October 1797; married Erastus Latham. Four children.

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MARTHA GEER was born in 1758; died in 1818; married in 1779 in New London, Conn., Asa Driscoll, born in Ireland.

He was second gunner on the frigate *Trumbull* during the Revolutionary War.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

(1) *Asa Driscoll*, born 1780; married Eunice Standish. Moved to Virginia. A daughter, Phoebe, married Thomas Wade. Seven children.

(2) *Luther Driscoll*, born in 1781; died in 1858; married in 1821 Catherine Crandall. He was a minister. Moved in 1836 from Connecticut to Illinois, where he married his fourth wife.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(a) Cuthbert Simpson Driscoll, born in 1822; married in 1842 Cordelia Reed. Four children (Driscoll): Eldridge, Maria, Alice, Kate.

(b) Daniel David Driscoll, born in 1826; married in 1848 Josephine Burger. Two children (Driscoll): Evelthan L., and Elizabeth Louise, who in 1865 married a Dr. Booth; three children (Booth): Helen Anna, born 17 October 1866; married 4 June 1885 James C. Donnelly; Florence Eve, who in 1894 married Ernest W. Brace; and Laura Louise, born 1898.

(c) Catherine Martha Driscoll, born in 1824; died in 1904; married in 1840 Theodore F. Hurd. Five children (Hurd): Frances, born in 1843; George

Willis, born in 1846; Albert Arthur, born in 1849; chief counsel (1914) of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. at Topeka, Kan.; Florence, born in 1852; and Charles Luther, born in 1858.

(3) *Joshua Driscoll*, born in 1802; married. Lived and died in New York State.

(4) *Daniel Driscoll*, who was a sailor, and lost at sea.

(5) *Elinor Driscoll*, married Newberry. Three children.

(6) *Ann Driscoll*, married William Willis. One son, Caleb, born in 1802.

(7) *Eliza Driscoll*, married Jonathan Dart; one child.

(8) *Phoebe Driscoll*.

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Benjamin Geer was born 1 June 1759; died in 1830; married Susannah Whitmarsh.

During the life of his Uncle Benjamin (39), he lived on the old homestead; then removed to New London, and afterwards to western New York, where he died.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

385. *Hannah Geer*, born 20 September 1780; died in 1809; married Jesse Wells. Four children.

+ 386. *Job Geer*, born 6 May 1783; died ——; married (1) Charity Post; (2) Ellen Campbell.

+ 387. *Seth Geer*, born 22 July 1784; died 27 November 1847; married Lucinda Pierce.

+ 388. *Darius Geer*, born 18 July 1786; died 24 April 1863; married Charry Mills.

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Solomon Geer was born in Connecticut in 1760; died there 15 April 1809; married (1) in 1779 in Charleston, S.C. ——; married (2) in 1787, probably in Wilmington, N.C., Anna Pierce, born in Raleigh in 1773; died in 1813 in Ledyard, Conn.

The career of Solomon Geer is enveloped in considerable mystery and great pains have been taken to ascertain the facts. The uncertainty begins with the date of his birth, which is variously given as 1760, 1762, 1768. The former date is undoubtedly correct, for in 1785 he was master and part or sole owner of a large brig trading between the Southern ports and the West Indies, carry-

ing out mules, and materials for making casks, and bringing back molasses, sugar, and so forth.

About 1779 he married in Charleston or Wilmington a Southern girl, whose name is unknown, by whom he had two sons, Solomon and David, who were the ancestors of the large and prominent family of Southern Geers. She died, and in 1787 he married again, either in Wilmington or Raleigh, Anna Pierce, of Raleigh, who was the mother of the four children on record in Connecticut.

A few years later, as appears from a letter written by his youngest son, John Owen Geer, in May 1881, "he (Solomon) was cast away on the Virginia or Maryland coast. He sold the vessel and perhaps the cargo to some party in exchange for 500 or 600 acres of land in western Maryland or Virginia. He came home a poor man and soon afterwards died, leaving the deeds of that property for his children. We were all young at that time and did not look after it. Some years later a cousin of mine, named Daniel Driscoll, called. He said that he would take the deeds, find the land and report to my eldest brother, Luther. My brother Luther gave the deeds to my cousin Daniel in my presence and he left to look after the land but has never been heard of since."

This Daniel Driscoll was a son of Solomon's sister Martha, who married Asa Driscoll. Daniel was a sailor; was lost at sea, and the title deeds may have perished with him.

After Solomon's return to Connecticut he and his wife Anna lived in the western part of Groton, now Ledyard, near Gales Ferry. His father, Jacob, who was a weaver by trade, lived with him during the latter part of his life. Jacob outlived his son Solomon several years, dying on the same day as his daughter-in-law, Anna Pierce Geer.

This estate, said to have been owned by Solomon Geer in one of the Southern States, was a subject of great interest to his heirs about the year 1881, when they were endeavoring to trace the property.

Children by first wife: 2 sons:

+ 389. *Solomon Geer*, born in December 1779; died ——; married (1) Nancy Nichols; (2) Shearer.

+ 390. *David Geer*, born in 1781; died ——; married ——.

Children by second wife: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 391. *Luther Geer*, born 17 February 1793; died 21 August 1872 in Ocoya, Ill.; married Esther Whipple.

392. *Lucinda Geer*, born in 1797; died in 1818; married in 1815 Noyes Holmes. One child who died young.

+ 393. *Thomas Geer*, born 6 June 1801; died 15 November 1866; married (1) Hannah Whipple; (2) Thankful Whipple.

+ 394. *John Owen Geer*, born 25 July 1806; died after 1881; married (1) Almira Pendleton; (2) Harriet Bennett; (3) Jane S. Bassett.

There was also an infant son, *Asa*, born and died in Wilmington, N. C.

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JOSHUA GEER was born in 1772; died 29 November 1847; married Lucia Crettenden.

He was a wealthy sea captain. Lived in New York City.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

395. *Ophelia Geer*, born in 1801; died 4 July 1879 at Lake Mohegan, New York; married Guillaume Merle d'Aubigné, brother of the famous historian of the Reformation.

396. *Adeline Geer.*

397. *Louise M. Geer.*

+ 398. *Edward Warren Geer*, born in 1814; died ——; married Hortense Henna.

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UZZIEL GEER was born (probably) in Southold, Long Island, 22 February 1732 (same date as George Washington); died in Norwich, Conn., 26 August 1824, aged 92 years; married Mrs. Sally (Moore) Smith, born in 1747; died 30 December 1807. After marriage he settled in Newport, R. I., and built a house there which was burned by the British in the Revolutionary War. At that time he removed to Pawtucket. His son was born in Newport and possibly his daughters. Later he removed to Norwich, Conn., and built on top of Geer Hill a windmill, which he patented.

We have the following quaint record regarding him: "The minister would require attendance upon his church — the Rev. took a poor man cow for the church rates — the Rev. asked Uzziel why he came not church and he told him that a Rev. who could take a cow that way — would not hear him preach — the Rev. said 'I must say thou art a heathen.' Uzziel replied 'I must say thou art one damned liar.'"

So, to escape imprisonment, he went to North Carolina; came back a strong Abolitionist and never would use anything raised by slave labor. This event was before his marriage.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

399. *Elizabeth Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Edward Ewen. Three children.

400. *Nabby Geer*, married Elijah Roath. Three children.

+ 401. *Wheeler Geer*, born 9 November 1773; died 21 September 1854; married (1) Sally Roath; (2) Sally Williams.

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Rezin Geer was born 3 July 1737; died 3 July 1778; married Mary Vanderburgh, who was born 13 November 1745, and died 12 March 1814. Resided in Brooklyn, Penn. He was killed in the Wyoming Massacre.

In a letter written at Elyria 15 April 1879, Mrs. Anna N. Finn, a granddaughter of Jane Geer (402), says:

"At the time her father was killed she (Jane) was a child 8 years old and I can well remember the account she used to give me of her poor mother's flight with her seven young children to the hills or mountains near Wyoming Valley. So sudden was the surprise and attack of the Indians in the Valley that the husband went to the front door to see what caused the alarm and it is supposed was almost instantly killed as he never returned to the house. The widowed mother and her children were concealed for many days in the woods. Her home and contents were burned by the savages and nothing was saved except the clothing they wore. After a time, with some of her children, the mother found her way to Poughkeepsie. She received a kind welcome from friends on

the Hudson River and her surviving daughters married well."

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 402. *Jane Geer*, born 3 October 1763; died in 1837; married Richard Davis.
+ 403. *Peter Geer*, born 13 September 1765; died in 1842; married Maria Deyo.
404. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 16 October 1767.
+ 405. *Jeremiah Geer*, born 24 December 1769; died after 1815; married Martha Morgan.
+ 406. *Stephen Geer*, born 26 September 1772; died 25 January 1847; married (1) Martha Weed; (2) Abigail Olney.
407. *Mary Geer*, born 13 April 1775; died 10 May 1782.
408. *Rezin Geer*, born 5 May 1777; died 21 September 1778.

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SQUIRE GEER was born 22 June 1740; died 14 April 1803; married 28 October 1766 Mary Hull.

He was drowned in Long Island Sound on passage from Norwich to New York.

Children: 7, 2 sons and 5 daughters:

+ 409. *Mary Geer*, born 29 May 1769; died 10 August 1856; married David Taber.
410. *Martha Geer*, born 20 July 1775; died 25 July 1865; married Simmons. Two children.
+ 411. *Lucretia Geer*, born 23 May 1777; died 12 December 1852; married (1) Azariah Jones; (2) Seth King.
412. *William Geer*, born 18 July 1780; died ——; married Sarah Elderkin. A son, *Edward Augustus*, lived in Newark. Married and had eight children.
+ 413. *Elizabeth Herrick Geer*, born 22 April 1785; died 27 September 1867; married Samuel C. Caulkins.
414. *Gurdon Geer*, born 3 August 1787; died ——. Enlisted on S. S. *Constitution* under name of Francis Immanuel.
415. *Clarissa Geer*, born 4 August 1789; died 8 April 1850; never married.

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SAMUEL GEER was born in Mansfield, Conn., 8 November 1743; died ——; married Phoebe Redington.

He took part in Arnold's expedition to Quebec in 1775; and also served in the Revolutionary War. He was a stonemason, and a man of great strength. About 1810, he moved to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where he died.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

416. *Phineas Geer.* Moved to New York.
417. *Fisher Geer.* Lived and died in New York.
418. *George Geer.* Died aged 30 years.
419. *Bela Geer.* Moved to New York.
420. *Olive Geer,* married a Brown.
421. *Lucy Geer,* married Capt. William Howard. Five children.

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ANNA GEER was born 22 December 1745; died 23 October 1773; married 14 January 1768, Jonathan Kingsbury, of Hampton, Conn., who was born about 1745; died 25 September 1802. He married (2) Lodenia Ransom, of Kent, Conn.

He graduated at Yale in 1767; was a farmer on a large scale; owned about 500 acres of land, had sixty head of cattle, and kept twelve riding horses.

Children: 3 daughters:

(1) *Anne Kingsbury,* born 21 November 1768; baptized 16 December 1770.
(2) *Lora Kingsbury,* born 8 September 1771; baptized 6 October 1771.
(3) *Mercy Kingsbury,* born 9 October 1773; baptized 25 October 1773; died 12 May 1774.

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HANNAH GEER was born in Hampton, Conn., 2 November 1755; died in Pittsfield, Vt., 20 January 1835; married in Hampton, 20 November 1774, Stephen Holt, born in Hampton 12 March 1748; died in Pittsfield, 31 December 1835.

Stephen Holt, Sr., was the first settler in Pittsfield, Vt., and was always known by the title of Governor. He and his son, Stephen, volunteered in the War of 1812 and went to Plattsburg, but did not get there in time to serve in the war. Stephen, Jr., and two of his brothers, Elisha and Amos, were captains in the State Militia.

There were six children who lived to maturity (Holt): (1) *Elisha*, (2) *Hannah*, (3) *Stephen*, (4) *Josiah*, (5) *Clarissa*, (6) *Amos*, all of whom were married.

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ISAIAH GEER was born 25 June 1762; died 21 June 1830; married, 27 November 1788, Philomela Cary, daughter of Captain Nathaniel and Jerusha (Downer) Cary, of Scotland, Conn. She was born 2 March 1767; died 27 November 1844.

Children: 6, 5 sons and 1 daughter:

422. *Ralph Geer*, born 2 August 1789; died at sea on his passage home from Demarara about 1808, at the age of 19. His name is not given in many of the family records.

+ 423. *Joseph Cary Geer*, born 5 February 1795; died 28 August 1881; married (1) Mary Johnson; (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Smith; (3) Mrs. Mary Strong.

+ 424. *Winthrop Geer*, born 2 August 1797; died 10 November 1877; married Sophia Crane.

425. *Irene Geer*, born 2 January 1802; died ——; married Michael Egan. Thirteen children.

+ 426. *Aaron Geer*, born 20 November 1804; died 7 March 1885; married Sarah Abbe Crane.

+ 427. *Philo Geer*, born 4 January 1807; died 23 December 1883; married Margaret Jolly.

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THOMAS GEER was born 9 August 1750; died 26 February 1812; married (1) 11 February 1773, Meribah Killam, who died 17 March 1801; married (2), 22 March 1803, Elizabeth Hakes Wilber.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 428. *Jephthah Geer*, born 7 February 1774; died 31 August 1851; married Olivet Herrick.
+ 429. *Jonathan Geer*, born 8 March 1776; died ——; married Pamelia Abbe.
+ 430. *Joseph Geer*, born 22 July 1778; died ——; married Hannah Kimball.
+ 431. *Anna Geer*, born 19 October 1780; died 28 April 1810; married Elihu Hakes.
432. *Ichabod Eccleston Geer*, born 8 May 1783.
+ 433. *Abigail ("Nabby") Geer*, born 30 November 1791; died ——; married Elihu Hakes, after the death of her sister Anna.

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SAMUEL GEAR was born in 1754 (baptized 12 May); died in January 1805; married in Hebron, Conn., 18 December 1777 Hannah Phelps. After his death she married (2) in December 1812 Nehemiah Porter.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 434. *Samuel Epaphras Gear*, born 17 March 1779; died 28 January 1812; married Polly Wells.
435. *Hannah Gear*, born 7 March 1780 (baptized 1 April 1780); died —— ; married David Post.

The will of Samuel Gear, probated in Hebron 5 March 1805, also mentions Edmond C. Gear, "the boy who now lives with me," who was apparently an adopted child, his full name being Edmond Cornwell. He was born in 1794; died 25 April 1836 "much lamented"; married Betsy —— . She was baptized as an adult 1 May 1836.

In the administration of the estate of Edmond Cornwell Gear eight children are named (Gear): (1) *Edmund Sylvester;* (2) *Frances Elizabeth;* (3) *Hannah Minerva;* (4) *Harriet Jerusha;* (5) *Esther M.;* (6) *Oliver Cornwall;* (7) *Charles Gilbert;* (8) *Mary Emily.* (See Additional Information.)

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GEORGE GEAR was born in Middletown, Conn., 8 March 1760; died there 18 November 1829; married there (1) in 1781 Mary Davis, born 9 September 1764; died 13 May 1798; married (2) in 1799 Olive Arnold, born 1768; died 27 January 1844, aged 76 years.

He served in the Revolutionary War.

Children by first wife: 7, 3 sons and 4 daughters:

436. *Abigail Gear*, born 10 March 1782; died 7 March 1810; married —— Barnes. A daughter, Abigail, born 25 February 1810.

+ 437. *Samuel Gear*, born 15 January 1784; died 7 February 1835; married Submit Hale.

+ 438. *Esther Gear*, born 12 October 1786; died ——; married Robert Johnson.

439. *George Gear*, born 20 December 1788; died 20 December 1833; married Lydia ——.

440. *Mary Gear*, born 20 September 1791; died ——; married (1) Roberts; (2) Atkins.

441. *Edmond Gear*, born 28 June 1794; died 25 April 1836; married Betsey ——. Seven children.

442. *Jerusha Gear*, born 21 October 1796; died 20 October 1797.

Children by second wife: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

443. *Ebenezer Arnold Gear* (1), born 30 November 1799; died 21 February 1807.

444. *Olive Gear*, born 4 September 1801; died ——; married Lewis.

+ 445. *Hiram Gear* (twin), born 6 May 1804; died 20 February 1843; married Jerusha Sage.

446. *Jerusha Gear* (twin), born 6 May 1804; died 11 March 1835; married William McCarthy, an Episcopal minister.

+ 447. *Abial Sherman Gear*, born 12 August 1806; died in September 1875; married (1) Martha Sage; (2) Frances Sage; (3) Selina H. Barker.

448. *Ebenezer Arnold Gear* (2), born 14 October 1810; died in 1845; married Maria Moore. One son, *William R. Gear*, born 12 February 1845; married; no issue.

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HEZEKIAH GEAR was born in Middletown, Conn., 26 April 1761; died in Pittsfield, Mass., 4 August 1822; married in Middletown, 9 February 1790, Sarah, daughter of John Gilbert, born 1 November 1763; died in Galena, Ill., in 1837.

Children: 9, 5 sons and 4 daughters:

449. *Charles Gear*, born in September 1790; died in 1848; married Hannah Hutton. Nine children.
+ 450. *Hezekiah H. Gear*, born 17 December 1791; died about 1878; married (1) Charlotte Clark; (2) Mrs. Deborah Rose; (3) Francenia Trego.
+ 451. *Ezekiel Gilbert Gear*, born 13 September 1793; died in October 1877; married (1) Miranda Cook; (2) Mary T. Howe.
452. *Sarah Gear*, born ——; died 15 October 1834. Lived in Pittsfield.
453. *Emily Gear*, born ——; died ——. Lived in Pittsfield.
454. *Sophia Gear*, born 10 May 1800; married Farrar. Lived in Galena, Illinois.
455. *William Titus Gear*, born 16 May 1802; married and had children.
456. *Angelica Gear*, born 31 July 1804; married Charles Mason, of Burlington, Iowa, a prominent citizen, at one time Commissioner of Patents, and later Circuit Judge.
457. *Samuel Gear*, born 10 June 1807; died about 1863; never married.

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DENISON GEER was born 17 July 1771; died 14 February 1816; married 4 May 1797, Polly Smith.

Children: 9, 4 sons and 5 daughters:

458. *Polly Geer*, born 16 June 1798.
459. *Anna Geer*, born 8 May 1800; died 26 April 1816.
460. *George W. Geer*, born 6 May 1802.
461. *Lydia Geer*, born 9 March 1804.
462. *Elisha Geer*, born 10 June 1806.
463. *Prentice Geer*, born 7 September 1808.
464. *Abby Almira Geer*, born 26 August 1810.
465. *Edna Alice Geer*, born 29 July 1813; died ——; married Rev. E. A. Manning. Five children.

466. *Denison Geer*, born 29 March 1816; died ——; married Juliet Burgess. Seven children.

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SILSBY GERE was born in Preston, Conn., 26 July 1742; died in 1773; married Lydia Allen, who died in 1774.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 467. *Silsby Gere*, born 18 May 1767; died 14 March 1852; married Jane McCray.

468. *Lydia Gere*, born 19 February 1769; died ——; married 25 January 1795 Stephen Withey.

469. *Samuel Gere*, born 22 October 1770; died 8 September 1856; married (1) Lucy Tracy; (2) Mrs. Betsey Keigwan. Ten children by first wife.

470. *Anna Gere*, born in 1772; died 16 June 1797.

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JONAS GEER was born 18 April 1754; died after 1800; married 12 January 1775 Martha Burton. He was a twin brother of Allen, who married Mary Burton the same day.

The *History of Bradford County* (Penn.) states: "The first settler in the township of Canton was Jonas Geer who came from Rhode Island [*sic*] and settled in 1796. . . . His family consisted of a wife and three children. He cleared a few acres, built a log house and commenced to build either a saw or grist mill. In 1800 he sold and moved away." We have found no further record of him.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

471. *Mary Geer*, born 10 January 1780.

472. *Earl Piercy Geer*, born 3 June 1783.

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BENAJAH GEER was born in Coventry, Conn., 3 December 1754; died there 8 May 1839; married in 1779 Mary Fairchild, born in Norfolk 7 February 1749; died 25 May 1829.

He served as a private in the Revolutionary War; was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill and carried the

bullet to his grave. In 1779 he was on the roll of Captain Nathaniel Webbs' 4th Conn. Regiment, Colonel John Durkee, his age being given as 21. He moved to Kinderhook, N. Y., about 1781; from there to Catskill, ten years later, and finally settled in Floyd, Oneida County, in 1799, where he died.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

473. *Thomas Geer*, born 18 May 1781; died ——; married (1) Laura Rood; (2) Sarah Lewis. Seven children.
474. *Sarah Geer*, born 12 June 1783; died about 1823; married Ezra Hatch. Several children.
+ 475. *Stephen Geer*, born 22 June 1785; died 17 December 1840; married Zeruiah Fuller.
+ 476. *John Raymond Geer*, born 18 November 1791; died 11 May 1866; married Ann Potter.
477. *Ann Geer*, born 2 September 1793; died ——; married and had four children.

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JEDEDIAH GEER was born in Coventry, Conn., 8 December 1757; died ——; married 31 December 1777 Phoebe Hawkins, born 1 August 1759.

Children: 6, 3 sons and 3 daughters:

478. *Anna Geer.*
479. *Nathan Geer.*
480. *Dyer Geer.*
481. *Fanny Geer.*
482. *Milton Geer.*
483. *Electra Geer.*

The six children were all baptized in Coventry in March 1792. Another child had died in January 1785.

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SILAS GEER was born ——; died ——; married Polly Larkin.

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

484. *Maria Geer*, born in 1806; died in 1855; married John Maine.
485. *Joseph Geer*, born in 1808; died ——; married ——.

486. *Sally Geer*, born in 1810.
+ 487. *Silas Geer*, born 11 November 1812; died ——; married Lyda Beckwith.
488. *Eliza Geer*, born in 1815; married Beckwith.
+ 489. *David Larkin Geer*, born 2 November 1819; died ——; married (1) Ann E. Jeffers; (2) Lucy L. Keller.
+ 490. *Henry Campbell Geer*, born 18 May 1826; died 16 June 1863; married (1) Emily M. Maine; (2) Mary Ann Geer (505).

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AARON GEER was born ——; died ——; married ——.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

491. *Richard S. Geer*, born 27 September 1807; married Irena Granger.
492. *Lorenzo V. Geer*, born 11 March 1811 in Brookville, Madison County, New York; died ——; married in 1840 Iantha C. Streeter, born 10 August 1822. No issue. Lived in Pitcairn, New York.
493. *Dolly Geer*, married Thompson. Lived in Fowler, New York.
494. *Henry Geer*, married Maria ——. Lived in Fowler, New York.
495. *Thomas Potter Geer*, born 11 April 1818; married Charlotte A. Stewart. Lived in DeKalb, New York.
496. *Sarah Geer*, born 22 January 1829, married 12 August 1852 Jacob Lyons Bass. Seven children. Lived in Perch River, New York.

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THOMAS GEER was born ——; died in 1817 in North Stonington, Conn.; married Mary Palmer, born 7 March 1787; died 1 February 1858. She married (2) Sheffield Barber, son of John Barber, who lived in Scotland, Conn. Thomas Geer served in the War of 1812.

Children: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 497. *Ezra Palmer Geer*, born 6 June 1807; died after 1878; married Fanny M. Reynolds.

498. *Mary Geer*, born 31 August 1809; died 20 July 1851; married John Edson Green, of Hopeville, Conn. Six children.
499. *Reuben Geer*, born 1 September 1811; died 30 September 1835; never married.
500. *Aaron Geer*, born 13 August 1813; died 17 April 1850; never married.
501. *Joel Thomas Geer*, born 18 August 1815.

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GEORGE GEER was born in North Stonington, Conn., 1 November 1792; died there 6 October 1869; married 15 June 1816 Elizabeth Newton, born 13 April 1800; died 22 January 1853.

Children: 13, 6 sons and 7 daughters:

502. *Lydia Geer*, born 14 December 1818; died 16 December 1877; married 21 August 1842 Perry K. Congdon. Eleven children.
503. *Susan Emeline Geer*, born 5 June 1820; died ——; married Thomas Palmer.
504. *Amos Palmer Geer*, born 24 August 1821; died 6 March 1841.
505. *Mary Ann Geer*, born 27 February 1823; died ——; married Henry C. Geer (490).
506. *Lucinda Geer*, born 21 March 1824; died 13 February 1878; married James T. Cordner.
507. *George S. Geer*, born 24 July 1826; died 6 March 1841.
508. *Charlotte Angeline Geer*, born 3 May 1828; married Josiah P. Palmer. Six children.
509. *Eleanor Geer*, born 30 April 1831; married Jason W. Gordon.
510. *Abram Geer*, born 24 December 1833; married Mrs. Lydia Burdick.
511. *Nathan A. Geer*, born 8 August 1835; married (1) Elizabeth Collins; (2) Lucinda Chapmond.
512. *Henry F. Geer*, born 2 March 1837; married 1 September 1860 Hannah M. Maine. Three children.
513. *James M. Geer*, born 1 April 1839.
514. *Harriet Jane Geer*, born 21 August 1840; died 13 May 1875; married Nathan P. Newton.

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AMOS C. GEER was born in Kent, Conn., 20 July 1789; died in Oberlin, Ohio, 20 May 1874; married (1) Dolly Thompson; (2) Harriet Chapin.

He served in the Mexican War.

Children by first wife: 8, 6 sons and 2 daughters:

515. *Abner Geer*, died young.
+ 516. *Heman Geer*, born 20 October 1818; died 25 January 1892; married Lydia M. Williams.
517. *Ezra Geer*, born in 1821; died in 1893.
518. *Benoni Thompson Geer*, born in 1825; died 11 June 1899. Two children: *Frank B. Geer*, born 7 May 1851; died 13 June 1922; and *Edith Geer*, born in 1868; died in 1921; married Scott.
519. *Betsey Ann Geer*, born in 1829; died in 1917.
520. *David Geer*, born in 1831; died in 1917.
521. *Eliza Geer*, born in 1835; died in 1875.
522. *Wakeley W. Geer*, born in 1836; died in 1860.

Children by second wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

523. *Amos Burton Geer*, born in 1852.
524. *Anna Geer*, born in 1853; died young.
525. *Dolly Geer*, born in 1856; died ——.

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JOHN COIN GEER was born in Rockbridge County, Va., 25 July 1790; died in Lima, Ohio, 14 April 1841; married in Lexington, Va., about 1811 Mary Ward Forbes, born 18 December 1794; died 2 March 1861.

Children: 9, 6 sons and 3 daughters:

526. *Eliza Ann Geer*, born about 1814; died about 1852; married Addison McDowell.
527. *George Tomason Geer*, born about 1816; died ——; married Mary Ann Glassford.
528. *Mary Martha Geer*, born 13 July 1817; died ——; married (1) William H. Wyatt; (2) Joseph S. Colby. Three children (Wyatt).
529. *William Forbes Geer*, born 15 October 1821; died ——; married Nora Oglesby.
530. *Elias Geer*, born 9 November 1822; died ——; married 1 April 1848 Angeline Jackson. Three children.

531. *Lewis Fectic Geer*, born 10 April 1825; died ——; married Rebecca Lloyd.
532. *Isabel Jane Geer*, born 30 July 1831; died 30 June 1862.
+ 533. *John James Geer*, born 1 June 1833; died 23 August 1867; married Sarah Ann Smith.
534. *Cicero Bias Geer*, born 1 April 1835.

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Calvin Geer was born in Peru, Mass., 8 June 1781; died 1 April 1807; married (intentions), 18 February 1804, Unity Anderson. She married (2), 1 April 1810, Zachariah Haskell.

Child: 1 daughter:

+ 535. *Mary Parker Geer*, born 29 March 1806; died 25 September 1840; married Caleb Judson Chaffee.

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Alpheus Geer was born in Peru, Mass., 19 September 1783; died 12 April 1846; married (intentions) 1 January 1805, Keziah Judd, who was born in Lenox, Mass., 1 September 1782; died in Peru 3 October 1846.

Children: 9, 4 sons and 5 daughters:

536. *Benjamin Judd Geer*, born 28 March 1806; died 6 June 1866; married in Worthington, Mass., 23 February 1831, Amelia O. Abbott. No issue.
537. *Onorah Geer*, born 24 May 1808; died ——; married in Peru, 21 March 1826, Joseph William Rogers. Two children, who both died young.
538. *Maria Geer*, born 15 September 1810; died 10 October 1834; unmarried.
539. *Clarissa Geer*, born 21 December 1812; died 5 January 1888; married Nathan Warren Wheeler. Two children.
540. *Polly Judd Geer*, born 8 March 1815; died 6 May 1848; married Sherman Geer (546).
541. *Lyman Amandar Geer*, born 1 June 1818; died 13 March 1846; married (intentions), 16 December 1843, Cornelia Ann Osborne, who was born in Fabius, New York, 24 January 1816; died 12 August 1844. No issue.

542. *Keziah Lucina Geer*, born 1 September 1821; died 22 November 1852; married Luke Blair and had three children.

+ 543. *Alpheus Addison Geer*, born 23 April 1824; died 20 July 1887; married Rebecca Warren.

+ 544. *Royal Dwight Geer*, born 19 July 1826; died in 1893; married Lydia Jane Stowell.

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LUTHER GEER was born in Peru, Mass., 21 April 1786; died 30 March 1853; married (1) 22 September 1808 Joanne Geer, born 19 February 1787; died 12 January 1832, daughter of James Geer; married (2) 30 May 1832 in Worthington, Mass., Lydia Bisbee, born 7 April 1791; died 28 December 1858, daughter of Jonathan Bisbee.

Children by first wife: 9, 3 sons and 6 daughters:

545. *Roxanna Geer*, born 25 August 1809; died ——; married in Middlefield, Mass., 12 December 1831 Alvan, son of Joseph Holmes, born in Worthington 2 September 1809. Five children.

+ 546. *Sherman Geer*, born 24 April 1812; died 18 April 1857; married (1) Polly Geer (540); (2) Malvina Wing.

+ 547. *Warren Luther Geer*, born 28 October 1814; died 14 September 1863; married Esther A. Judd.

548. *Rosilla Joanna Geer*, born 2 February 1817; died ——; married 16 September 1840 Spencer Stewart. Three children.

549. *Lucy Ann Geer*, born 19 May 1819; died 14 March 1857; married in Worthington 13 November 1844 William C. Barker. Two children.

+ 550. *Austin Geer*, born 18 October 1821; died ——; married Lucy Ann Osgood.

551. *Dolly Ann Geer*, born 5 March 1824; died 14 March 1857; married 19 May 1848 Daniel R., son of Jacob and Hannah (Burr) Porter, born in Worthington 28 March 1821. Two children.

552. *Clarinda Geer*, born 1 February 1826; married Albert N. Goddard. One daughter.

553. *Maria Delight Geer*, born 12 May 1829; died 18 May 1861; married Theodorus Collier. One son.

Child by second wife, 1 daughter:

554. *Mayette Geer*, born 9 March 1832; died 4 July 1854.

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JOHN GEER was born in Peru, Mass., 30 March 1789; died there ——; married (1) Polly Cross (or Crosier), who died 18 February 1831, aged 44 years; (2) Charlotte Wood, who died 29 January 1837, aged 27 years; (3) Lois (Knight) Woeden. After his death she married (2) a Knight and moved to Ohio where she died.

Children by first wife: 6, 5 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 555. *William Mathias Geer*, born 2 July 1812; died 5 December 1894; married (1) Charlotte Crosier; (2) Lydia Taylor.

+ 556. *David Holland Geer*, born 9 March 1815; died ——; married Emily Holbrook.

+ 557. *Betsey Samantha Geer*, born 21 December 1817; died 18 December 1869; married Charles Crosier.

+ 558. *Calvin Geer*, born 22 June 1820; died 30 September 1893; married Almira Hamilton.

+ 559. *Samuel Jarvis Geer*, born in 1823; died 13 September 1886; married Jane S. Cross.

+ 560. *John Wesley Geer*, born 20 July 1827; died 4 August 1862; married Eliza Ames.

Child by second wife: 1 son:

+ 561. *Willard Franklin Geer*, born 8 November 1835; died 15 November 1912; married Mary E. Morey.

Children by third wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 562. *Sarah Jane Geer*, born ——; died ——; married O. B. Hull.

563. *Edward Thomas Geer*, born 9 February 1842; married Sarah Jane Kenuson.

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SUSANNAH GEER was born in Peru, Mass., 6 February 1792; died in Worthington, 29 August 1832; married in Worthington, 25 February 1813, Luther Granger. He married (2), 6 June 1833, Persis Smith.

Children: 7, 3 sons and 4 daughters:

(1) *Susannah Granger*, born about 1814; married, 30 May 1832, Otis Jones. Four children.

(2) *Chloe Granger*, born about 1816; married (1), 17 February 1833, Welcome Bates; (2) 21 April 1842, Gordon Parish. Several children.

(3) *Lyman Geer Granger*, born 19 September 1817; married, 6 May 1840, Electa Fidelia Pierce. Three children.

(4) *Orrin Granger*, born 25 April 1819; married (1) 1 June 1843, Mary Cottrell; (2) Mira Blackman. Four children.

(5) *Mary Ann Granger* (twin), born 13 August 1821; married 18 May 1843, William Campbell. One child.

(6) *Sarah Ann Granger* (twin), born 13 August 1821; married, 21 April 1842, Emerson S. Frissell. Three children.

(7) *Almarin Granger*, born 28 September 1823; married, 4 June 1845, Ella McCoy Hewitt. One child.

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ELIZABETH GEER was born 5 December 1794; died 7 February 1854; married in Peru, 29 November 1815, John Ferguson.

Children who lived to grow up: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

(1) *Almira Ferguson*, born 20 June 1816; married Reuben Olds. Six children.

(2) *Justin Ferguson*, born 4 April 1818; married (1), Corinthia Cross; (2) Melissa Chapell.

(3) *Susan Ferguson*, born in 1820; married Sherman Cross. Four children.

(4) *Elizabeth Ferguson*, born 6 May 1831; married John Wesley Cross. Two children.

(5) *George D. Ferguson*, born ——; married Jane Tilson. One son.

NOTE: — There were also 4 sons (Darius, Lewis, Lewis, Sydney) and 2 daughters (Percy Ann, Amurance) who died young.

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OBADIAH GEER was born in Peru, 14 August 1797; died 11 March 1854; married (intentions) 24 December 1818 Amelia Wing, born 18 September 1799: died 9 April 1866. He was a farmer.

Children: 6, 1 son and 5 daughters:

564. *Fannie W. Geer*, born 11 December 1819; died 11 February 1847; married William Scott.
565. *Mary Ann Geer*, born 28 April 1825; married Aaron Matthews, and had five children.
566. *George Geer*, born 11 December 1831; married Jane B. Robson, and had seven children.
567. *Cynthia Geer*. No record.
568. *Evelyn Geer*. No record.
569. *Laura J. Geer*, born 1 March 1835; died 25 July 1851.

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PETER GEER was born in Peru, 8 March 1800; died there 13 June 1868; married (1), in Peru, 18 May 1825, Polly Kent, born in 1802; died 17 May 1834; married (2) 18 June 1835 Sally S. Kent, born 4 December 1814. He was a farmer by occupation.

Children by first wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

570. *Milton Geer*, born 10 February 1827; died 3 November 1856; married in October 1851, Elvira Richards.
571. *Polly Maria Geer*, born April 1834; died ——; married, 1 October 1853, Granville Blackman. One child.

Children by second wife: 6, 1 son and 5 daughters:

572. *Almira Geer*, born 10 September 1836; died 27 January 1842.
573. *Lucena Verrila Geer*, born 21 July 1839; died ——; married, 24 September 1863, James Barnes. One child.
574. *Ira Welcome Geer*, born 5 July 1843; died 4 November 1857.
575. *Emily O. Geer*, born 23 January 1845; died 25 June 1853.
576. *Sally Lovisa* (or *Louise*) *Geer*, born 18 April 1847; married, 7 July 1867, Henry C. Watkins. Four children.
577. *Almarinda Deets Geer*, born 18 September 1850; married, 15 September 1868, Charles Coan Gloyd. Two children.

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IRA GEER was born in Kent, Conn., 21 August 1802; died in Peru, Mass., 12 September 1836; married 3 May 1826 Lucy Prince Raymond, who was born in Montville, Conn., 27 October 1803; died in Peru, 26 May 1854.

He was a farmer by occupation.

Children: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

578. *Jewett Geer*, born 14 February 1827; died 1 July 1830.
579. *Horace Geer*, born 21 May 1829; died 27 July 1830.
+ 580. *Jewett Holland Geer*, born 13 May 1831; died ——; married Mary C. Goldthwait.
581. *Ira Milo Geer*, born 6 February 1834; died 8 June 1858; married Eliza Goldthwait. No issue.
582. *Lucy Ann Geer*, born 5 November 1836; died 3 March 1857. Never married.

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ALPHEUS GEER was born in Kent, Conn., 7 August 1788; died in Norwich, Conn., 3 February 1866; married 30 November 1815, Sarah Whiting Marshall, of Torrington, Conn., born 29 August 1794; died 11 September 1856.

He graduated at Union College, 1813; ordained deacon in 1814, and priest in 1815. He was rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury, Conn., and of one of the smaller outlying parishes, for eighteen years. He was the last of the clergymen of St. John's who joined the care of some other parish to his regular ministerial work. This was the period which marked the transition in Connecticut from an agricultural condition to one in which manufactures became the dominant interest. He was also the last rector of that parish who depended on farming for a portion of his income. The cultivation of the glebe land, and their own land, by the early New England ministers furnished an important part of their support. In those days a settlement was regarded as for life, and a grant of land was usually a part of the settlement; so that in many cases, similar to his, the clergy were considerable

landholders and successful cultivators. On 20 October 1816, he presented to Bishop Hobart of New York, then acting Bishop of that diocese, a class of 226 for confirmation, this being with one exception the largest class confirmed by Bishop Hobart.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 583. *Mary Jane Geer*, born 2 October 1816; died 6 January 1893; married, 24 December 1842, Nathan S. Gilbert.

584. *Marshall E. A. Geer*, born 14 October 1818; died 2 August 1857; never married.

+ 585. *George Jarvis Geer*, born 24 February 1821; died 16 March 1885; married Isabelle Montague.

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Elizabeth Geer was born 24 November 1793; died 20 November 1843; married 22 November 1812 Ira Baker.

They resided in Washington, Conn.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

(1) *Samuel Alpheus Baker*, born 9 July 1814; died ——; married 10 January 1843 Elizabeth Maria Hickox.

Child: 1 son:

(a) Alpheus Geer Baker, born 20 May 1847; married in November 1869 Silence Leavitt Brinsmate. Two children (Baker): Elizabeth Brinsmate, born 9 March 1873; and George Franklin, born 8 September 1875.

(2) *Phoebe Ann Cecelia Baker*, born 13 June 1821; died 29 September 1825.

(3) *Cecelia Angeline Baker*, born 13 August 1825; died ——; married 19 April 1848 Joseph Newton Frost.

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Welcome Geer was born 4 May 1798; died 16 September 1833; married 1819 Sylvia Bishop.

Children: 8, 3 sons and 5 daughters:

+ 586. *Nathaniel Geer*, born in 1820; died in 1891; married Eliza M. Clark.

587. *David Geer*, born in 1821; died ——; married Harriet Potter. Two children (both deceased).

588. *Eveline R. Geer*, born 22 September 1822; married James Paine. Four children.
589. *Louisa M. Geer*, born 27 February 1824; married 27 February 1843 Eli Clark. Three children.
590. *Mary O. Geer*, born 19 April 1826; married (1) Charles Barnes; (2) George Davis.
591. *William Geer*, born in 1830; died young.
592. *Charlotte A. Geer*, born 20 February 1832; married Charles Woodruff. No issue.
593. *Sylvia W. Geer*, born 11 April 1834; married Mott Judd. Two sons.

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JAMES GEER was born about 1780; died ——; married 25 November 1802 Mary Geer (256), sister of Sarah, who married his brother Daniel.

Children: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 594. *Lucy Geer*, born 17 June 1807; died 11 June 1855; married Orra Frost.
595. *Olive Geer*, born ——; died ——.
596. *Myraetta Geer*, born ——; died ——.
597. *Jane Geer*, born ——; died ——.
598. *Erastus Geer*, born ——; lived in Crystal Lake, Illinois.
599. *James Geer*, born ——; lived in Blairsville, Penn.

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ELISHA GEER was born in 1785; died in Warren County, New York, 25 October 1814; married 15 February 1804 Penelope Davis, sister of Silas Davis, who married his sister Eunice (248). She was born in 1783; died 8 May 1835, in Blairsville, Indiana County, Penn.

They lived in Warrensburg, New York. After his death his widow removed with her family to Blairsville, Pa., where she married (2) a Mr. Boyle and had two children.

Children: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters: — (and perhaps others)

600. *Julia Ann Geer*, born 1 November 1804; died 15 March 1877.
+ 601. *Washington Geer*, born 28 October 1806; died ——; married Phebe Wilkinson.

602. *Salvina Geer*, born 13 February 1808; died 23 November 1880.
603. *Thankful D. Geer*, born 22 October 1809.
604. *Daniel Geer*, born 10 December 1811; died after 1881; married Mary Ann Zimmerman. Twelve children.
605. *Frances Geer*, born 18 January 1814.

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KEZIAH GEER was born in Preston, Conn., 25 June 1787; died in Philadelphia, N. Y., 12 September 1870, aged 83 years; married 19 December 1809, Samuel Noble, son of Joseph and Anna (Noble) Stackhouse. (See Allied Families.) He was born near Burlington, Vermont, 6 September 1786; died in Canton, N. Y., 3 July 1873. He was a major in the New York State Militia, and member of Congress from Warrensburg.

Keziah and her sister Abby moved from Connecticut to Warrensburg in 1803 with the family of Eunice Davis (230). They went in the winter when the snow was very deep, travelling on a sled drawn by oxen.

Children : 8, 2 sons and 6 daughters:

(1) *Timothy Robert Stackhouse*, born in Warrensburg, New York, 23 July, 1810; died 31 August 1890; married, 22 January 1841, Elizabeth Bentley Smith, who was born 12 February 1807; died 14 April 1892. He was a master mechanic, and worked as foreman and engineer on the Champlain Canal bridge at Warrensburg, and on many other important contracts. He moved with his parents to Dexter, New York. About 1837 he made a trip down the bank of the St. Lawrence and finally located at a spot about two miles back from the river, some twenty miles north of Watertown, where he bought 500 acres of land, and built a house and store; also a house for his father; a gristmill and sawmill. Later he was appointed postmaster, and selected the name of Omar for the village.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter, all born in Omar:

(a) Orville Cecil Stackhouse, born 18 November 1842; died 2 January 1866.
(b) Herbert Roger Stackhouse, born 23 August 1844; married 27 February 1871 Adeline Ash, of Janes-

ville, Wis. He was for many years a real estate broker at Stockton, Cal. Resides Pacific Grove, Cal.

Children: 3 daughters:

(i) Gertrude E. Stackhouse, born 17 April 1872; unmarried. She has been for many years a court reporter at Stockton, California, having first held this position under her uncle, Judge Budd.

(ii) Leonore F. Stackhouse, born 1 January 1877; unmarried; she is an artist.

(iii) Hazel Ruth Stackhouse, born 21 November 1884; married 20 September 1916, Albert Beach Leimbach, of Pacific Grove, Cal. They have three children (Leimbach): John Roger, born 5 March 1918; Virginia Ruth, born 26 April 1920; and Richard Beach, born 25 July 1921.

(c) Sara Marie Stackhouse, born 3 August 1846. She was a teacher for many years, and also engaged in real estate operations in California. Resides in San Francisco.

(2) *Alice Stackhouse*, born 2 June 1812; died 8 March 1889; married 1 February 1842 Samuel P. Newton, born 23 February 1811, died 29 October 1884. (See Allied Families.)

Children: 3 daughters:

(a) Fannie M. Newton, born 18 October 1842; died 8 December 1867; never married.

(b) Jane A. Newton, born 2 May 1845; died 13 March 1867.

(c) Adelaide Julia Newton, born 3 January 1852; died 18 January 1883; married William Philow. One daughter, Lottie Philow, born 9 May 1878; married —— Fox. Lives in Omar, N. Y.

(3) *Samuel Noble Stackhouse*, born 17 June 1814; died 5 May 1848; married 31 December 1840 Armina Massey.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(a) Harvey Stackhouse, born ——; died 2 August 1870.

(b) Lucy Armina Stackhouse, born 13 August 1844; died 16 April 1921; married 25 May 1914 Homer E. D. Newton, born 31 May 1847, the only son of the Rev. Josiah Newton (5) below. No issue. He is a pharmacist in Syracuse, N. Y. Residence: 706 East Fayette St.

(c) Charles Edwin Stackhouse, born 24 July 1846; died 26 January 1853.

(4) *Margaret Stackhouse*, born 7 April 1817; died 6 October 1873; married 3 June 1845 Pliny Newton, brother of Josiah. They had a son, George (now deceased), who married Hattie Leonard; and a daughter, Francelia (died 1907), who married Louis Wilcox. No issue.

(5) *Keziah Ann Stackhouse*, born 20 February 1819; died 11 February 1882; married 1 January 1846 Rev. Josiah Newton, who after her death married Catherine (8) below. They had one son, Homer E. D. Newton. (See above.)

(6) *Marie Stackhouse*, born 15 February 1821; died 26 December 1899; married, 23 August 1842, Duncan Griffing, who died 8 May 1894.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

(a) Louise Felicia Griffing, born at Omar, N. Y., 19 November 1844; died 28 September 1916; married, 15 May 1872, Dr. Dan B. Howard, of Warrensburg, N. Y., and had two daughters: Julia Louise, born 16 April 1874; married 20 November 1909 Dr. James E. Goodman, of Warrensburg; and Clara, born 16 August 1877; died 29 January 1899. Dr. Howard died 21 September 1903.

(b) Orville Griffing, born 22 December 1850. Lives in Mechanicsville.

(c) Alice Griffing, born 27 July 1853; died ——.

(d) Charles H. Griffing, born 5 November 1854; died ——; married Emma Harris, who died in June 1916. A son, Peter Harris, born 24 July 1891, married 3 June 1916 Vera, daughter of Robert Escher, of New York City.

(e) Edgar Griffing, born 7 June 1857; died ——; married 22 December 1880 Effie Green, who died in 1912. No issue.

(7) *Abigail E. Stackhouse*, born 19 February 1823; died 4 January 1899; married Otis N. Britton. They lived and died in Omar, N. Y. Two children: Samuel N. and Keziah Britton, both married and living at Omar.

(8) *Catherine Stackhouse*, born 27 April 1825; died ——; married Rev. Josiah Newton, after the death of her sister Keziah (5).

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ABBY GEER was born in Preston, Conn., 21 April 1789; died in Omar, N. Y., 10 April 1873; married in Warrensburg, N. Y., 1 January 1811, Samuel N. Newton, who was born 25 January 1788; died 28 March 1861. (See Allied Families.)

Children, all born in Omar, N. Y.: 11, 4 sons and 7 daughters:

(1) *Eliza Jane Newton*, born 8 November 1812; died 27 October 1880; married 20 September 1848 Milo Newton, a brother of Samuel P., who married Alice Stackhouse (2) above. He died 19 December 1873.

(2) *Martha Newton*, born 11 October 1814; died ——; married, 2 November 1856, Merrick Brown.

(3) *Keziah Ann Newton*, born 26 December 1816; died ——; never married.

(4) *Isaac S. Newton*, born 11 February 1819; died 5 May 1876; married, 22 September 1844, Sarah Conkling, of Buffalo, who was born 18 November 1824; died 23 November 1901.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

(a) Cynthia A. Newton, born 6 October 1846; died 25 July 1848.

(b) Sarah Adelia Newton, born 30 October 1848; married 24 November 1870 Henry P. Shattuck; later divorced and resumed her maiden name. She lives at 62 Whitney Place, Buffalo. One son, Harry I. Newton, born 22 March 1873, married 9 October 1895 Martha Augusta, daughter of Jesse T. Reynolds, of Gouverneur, N. Y.; child: Stewart R. Newton, born 16 November 1898. He resides in San Francisco.

(c) Martha Ann Newton, born 5 August 1851; died 27 September 1859.

(d) James Luther Newton, born 1 August 1855; died 30 January 1910; married (1) 14 October 1884 Ella S. Butler, who died 18 February 1891; married (2) Sadie Fleetham.

Children by first wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(i) James R. Newton, born 31 December 1887; unmarried. Address: 181 Arsenal St., Watertown, N. Y.

(ii) Geraldine R. Newton, born 6 March 1889; married

(1) 12 April 1910 Ames W. Howlett, by whom she had three children (Howlett): Ames W., Reginald, and Cornelia; married (2) in 1919 W. M. Butler. Resides: 309 Plum St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Child by second wife: 1 daughter:

(iii) Mildred Newton, born 25 June 1898; married in 1921, Alston Twitty. Resides in New York City.

(5) *Luther Geer Newton*, born 23 December 1820; died 20 July 1869; married 4 July 1859 Mary Jane Waters, who was born 7 June 1832; died 3 February 1911. He and his brother Isaac (4) were for many years large lumber dealers in Buffalo, New York.

Child: 1 son:

(a) Samuel Luther Newton, born 6 August 1861; married (1) Ina E. Taylor, who died in 1896; married (2) Augusta F. Granholm. One son (adopted) born 18 January 1902. He is secretary and director, Boise Valley Packing Company, of Eagle, Idaho. Resides at Boise, Idaho.

(6) *Polly Newton*, born 28 September 1822; died 26 May 1903; married 28 March 1849 Hugh Stewart, of Ontario, Canada. He died 6 May 1901.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

(a) William Stewart, born in Hagersville, Ontario, 2 May 1850. Two sons: (i) Isaac R. Stewart, 2185 University Avenue, New York City; (ii) Hugh Stewart, Charleston, W. Va.

(b) Mary Abigail Stewart, born 21 February 1852; married John Thorburn, of Caledonia, Ontario, who is now deceased.

(c) Isaac Newton Stewart, born 4 April 1854. Resides 670 West Delevan St., Buffalo, N. Y.

(d) Adelia J. Stewart, born 16 April 1857; died 28 March 1910.

(e) James L. Stewart, born 10 May 1859. Resides 19 Columbus Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

(f) Sarah Ann Stewart, born 22 June 1862; died 28 May 1883.

(g) Jean Allison Stewart, born 5 March 1865; died 28 April 1896; married 29 December 1886 Samuel J. Saunders. Two children living: Jean Alma and Stanley Stewart.

(h) Hugh A. Stewart, born 6 April 1868. Resides 335 Jersey St., Buffalo, N. Y.

(7) *Samuel Newton, Jr.*, born 16 September 1824; died 28 March 1839.

(8) *Adelia M. Newton*, born 18 October 1826; died 27 January 1916; married 16 July 1845 William L. Schryver.

Children: 11, 6 sons and 5 daughters:

(a) George W. Schryver, born 31 December 1846; married Mary Schoolenburgh. He was living at Fisher's Landing in 1918. They had four sons: Bert (now deceased), who married Nellie Fox; George, Jr., living at Evanston, Ill.; John, who married Elizabeth Baltz, also living at Evanston, and Fred.

(b) Ellen Ursula Schryver, born 10 April 1848; married 6 September 1876 James Stewart, who died in 1905. He was a nephew of Hugh Stewart, who married Polly Newton (6) above. After the death of Isaac and Luther Newton he bought and carried on their large lumber business in Buffalo. Mrs. Stewart resides at 24 Argyle Park, Buffalo, New York. Two daughters (living): Mary Susan Stewart, born 15 July 1877; married Rev. Foster Hunter, of Middletown, N. Y., and has four children; and Ellen Adelia Stewart, born 24 May 1883; married Adelbert E. Davenport and has five children.

(c) Luther N. Schryver, born 9 January 1851; married Maggie Hart. No children.

(d) William H. Schryver, born 17 August 1852; married Nora Keller. One son.

(e) Martha Ann Schryver, born 12 June 1854; died 17 August 1854.

(f) Abigail M. Schryver, born 10 June 1855; married 8 July 1875 Alpheus C. Bowen, who died in July 1921. At the time of his marriage, Captain Bowen was commander of a large sailing vessel on the Lakes. For several years he had a big ranch in Kansas; moved from there to Chicago, and later to Rockford, Illinois. Mrs. Bowen resides at 4106 Edwards Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Three children (now living): Frank W. Bowen, born 18 July 1882; Clifford B. Bowen, born 28 September 1887; married, in August 1916, Blanche Schafer; one child: Elizabeth Abigail (Betty-Gail), born

13 December 1917; and Florence A. Bowen, born 28 June 1895; married 18 June 1915 Ralph G. Denben; one child: Robert, born 28 September 1921.

(g) Sarah Adelia Schryver, born 22 June 1857; died 19 March 1907; married Edwin J. Patterson, a widower with one son: Herbert Patterson.

(h) Samuel F. Schryver, born 29 September 1860; married 14 December 1892 Blanche Acker, who died in 1905. A son, Hugh, born 1895.

(i) Hattie Eliza Schryver, born 4 February 1862; married 25 December 1883 Gilbert S. Lay. Resides 288 Glen Road, Toronto, Canada. Two children (Lay): Jane A., born 27 January 1885; and Stewart W., born 5 September 1894; married 20 April 1918 Evelyn Porter of Syracuse, N. Y. Two daughters: (a) Virginia J., born in 1920; (b) Anita Jean, born April 1922.

(j) James A. Schryver, born 14 August 1864; married Rosalie Haskell. No issue.

(k) Frank M. Schryver, born 7 September 1867; married 19 January 1892 Sarah Baltz. Eight children.

(9) *James L. Newton,* born 9 September 1828; died ——; never married.

(10) *Emily Newton,* born 1 April 1831; died ——; never married.

(11) *Louisa Eleanor Newton,* born 28 August 1833; died 23 May 1895; married in Omar, N. Y., 25 December 1854, David E. Draper, who died 13 April 1887. They moved to Iowa, and settled in Clay County, about seven miles from Brighton. The country was new then, and the last fifty miles of their journey was made by stage. They had eight children, of whom only four lived to grow up: —

(a) Abbie Draper, born 25 December 1856; married a Mr. Edwards, who died in 1912. Two daughters, both married.

(b) Charles Newton Draper, born 25 December 1858; married and had two sons, both married, and all living in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

(c) Edwin Draper, born 4 September 1862; died in 1908; married. A son lived near Washington, Iowa.

(d) Hugh S. Draper, born 16 December 1875. Lives at Trenton, Missouri.

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NATHAN GEER was born in Griswold, Conn., 5 September 1797; died in August 1882, aged nearly 85 years; married in Ledyard 5 February 1824 Priscilla, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Lee) Stoddard. She was one of twelve children; was born 17 August 1795, and died 20 August 1890.

Nathan inherited the homestead farm of his father, to which he added until he owned 200 acres. He was also a carpenter, and was very prosperous. He was at first a Whig, later a Republican, and held minor town offices, but was not particularly active in public affairs.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 606. *Nathan Geer*, born 8 April 1825; died 30 October 1905; married Mary Geer (781).

607. *Robert Stoddard Geer*, born 19 March 1828; died 5 December 1856; married Elizabeth Chapman of Voluntown. They lived in Oneida, N. Y.

+ 608. *Joseph S. Geer*, born 9 April 1831; died ——; married Flora Allyn.

609. *Mary Ann Geer*, born 17 April 1836; married 25 November 1860 Charles Congdon. One daughter.

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LEVI GEER was born in Brooklyn, Conn., 22 September 1775; died in Lyons, N. Y., 15 December 1853; married in 1799 in Norwich, Conn., Lavinia Rood, born there 7 October 1776; died in Lyons 4 May 1852.

Children: 8, 6 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 610. *Harvey Geer*, born 14 March 1802; died about 1893; married Angeline Roys.

611. *Marvin Geer*, born 20 August 1803; died ——; married in 1828 Emeline Drake. Five children.

612. *Lavinia Geer*, born 13 May 1805; died ——; married in April 1829 Alfred Hale. Four children.

613. *Levi H. Geer*, born 10 May 1809; died ——; married Caroline McMellen.

614. *Darius Webb Geer*, born 29 April 1811; died ——. He was a graduate of Union College; a lawyer; lived in Lyons, N. Y.

615. *Oliver P. Geer*, born 1 September 1813; died ——. He was educated for a physician but did not practice. Lived in Lyons, N. Y.
616. *Charity Geer*, born 4 May 1816; died in 1856; married Alexander P. Ankeny. One son.
617. *Nathan W. Geer*, born 20 March 1819; died in 1867; married Lydia A. Fletcher. Two children.

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Rufus Geer was born 25 November 1777; died 1872; married Azuba Woodmansee.

Children: 12, 6 sons and 6 daughters:

618. *Harry Geer*, born 7 May 1812; died 1 January 1891; married Sarah Hammond, born 25 December 1812. Five children.
619. *Amy Geer*, born 30 June 1813; married 5 December 1835 Stephen Potter London. Six children.
620. *Mary Geer*, born in 1816; married in 1843 James Christian. Four children.
621. *Rufus Geer*, born in 1820; died ——; married Alseba Mills.
622. *Jerusha Geer*, married George G. Labar.
623. *Levi Geer* (1), born in 1830.
624. *Lydia Geer*.
625. *Lodema Geer*, married William McCulley.
626. *Eldad Geer*, born 27 January 1837; married Charlotte Greenman.
627. *Azuba Elmira Geer*.
628. *Hiram James Cleveland Geer*, married Ida Ophelia Williams.
629. *Levi Geer* (2), married Elizabeth Rhodes. Four children.

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Asa Geer was born in Connecticut in 1762; died in Warren, Pa., in June 1836; married (1) Olive Harris; (2) Mary Stead.

Children by first wife: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

630. *Asa Geer*, born ——; died ——; married ——. Lived near Athens, Ohio.
+ 631. *Hosea Geer*, born ——; died ——; married (1) Patty Prosser; (2) Elizabeth ——.

+ 632. *John Geer*, born 8 March 1790; died in 1881; married Charity Buckalaw.

+ 633. *Heber Geer*, born in 1800; died in 1863; married Elizabeth Maxwell.

634. *Olive Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Jonathan Barlow. Five children.

635. *Amy Geer*, born ——; died ——; married —— Riley.

636. *Anna Geer*, born ——; died ——; married —— Trawl.

637. *Elizabeth (Betsey) Geer*, born ——; married —— Barnhart.

Children by second wife: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

638. *Caleb Geer*, born 17 March 1805; died 12 March 1877; married in February 1825 Elizabeth Fox. He resided on the Ohio River in West Virginia, opposite Port Homer, Ohio.

+ 639. *Benjamin Geer*, born 15 March 1806; died 5 May 1866; married (1) Narcissa Stebbins; (2) Mrs. Lucrecia Green.

640. *George Geer*, born ——; died about 1835.

641. *Jesse Geer*, born ——; died ——.

642. *Mary Geer*, born ——; died ——; married —— Pooler. Lived in Brown County, Pa.

643. *Hannah Geer*, born ——; died ——; married —— Brown. Moved to Michigan.

644. *Eliza Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Martin Clark.

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Ebenezer Stowell Geer was born in Canterbury, Conn., 16 June 1768; died in Worcester, Mass., 10 March 1845. He married in Hampton 25 November 1789 Lucy Hibbard, of Windham, born in Hampton in 1770; died in Worcester 29 February 1836.

When his father enlisted in the Revolutionary War, in 1776, he went with him as a boy of eight and served as his attendant. He was awarded a pension. He was a farmer and contractor and built part of the turnpike from Boston to Worcester.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

645. *Ebenezer Geer*, born 24 March 1790; died 31 August 1818; married Azuleah Chadwick. No issue.

+ 646. *Asa Geer*, born 9 June 1791; died 17 May 1833; married Esther Smith.

647. *Lucy Rebecca Geer*, born 15 January 1795; died 4 June 1865; married 11 October 1811 Prescott Whittemore, born in Harwood 28 July 1787; died in Nebraska 13 January 1871. Thirteen children.

648. *Fidelia Geer*, born in 1797; died ——; married (1) Adam Walker; (2) Oliver Clapp. Eight children.

+ 649. *Charles Hibbard Geer*, born 22 November 1803; died 24 May 1845; married Sarah A. Williams.

650. *William H. Geer*, born in 1813; died —— at Valparaiso, Chile. Never married.

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JOHN GEER was born in Canterbury, Conn., 21 February 1773; died in Darwin, Ill., 16 November 1846; married 25 June 1799 Polly Clark, born 26 May 1779; died in Urbana, Ill., 26 November 1854.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

651. *Sally C. Geer*, born 17 August 1800; died 11 January 1822.

652. *Amanda Geer*, born 15 January 1802; died 20 March 1873; married 30 June 1829 Calvin Higgins. Five children.

+ 653. *Asa Geer*, born 29 September 1804; died 20 October 1879; married Eliza Ann Cady.

654. *Hannah Geer*, born 8 October 1806; died 4 January 1841; married 4 January 1826 Nathaniel Russell, born 11 December 1803. Two children.

655. *Betsey Geer*, born 17 November 1808; died 25 August 1853; married in January 1831 George Granderson Perry. Seven children.

+ 656. *John Geer*, born 11 February 1811; died ——; married (1) Emily Catron; (2) Sarah Jane Davis; (3) Mrs. Phebe Jane Dare; (4) Harriet Crissey.

+ 657. *Lyman Geer*, born 14 September 1813; died 13 April 1859; married Lucinda Marvin.

+ 658. *James S. Geer*, born 20 May 1815; died 10 April 1858; married Elizabeth Biddlecomb.

NOTE: This generation of children changed the spelling to Gere.

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ALBA GEER was born 26 December 1768; died 12 October 1828; married in 1788 Cynthia Bennett, born in 1766; died in 1842.

Children: 13, 8 sons and 5 daughters:

659. *Tamson Geer*, born 10 September 1789; died 14 June 1865; married in April 1812 Samuel Lewis. Seven children.
660. *Elias Geer*, born 18 March 1791; died 31 March 1868; married Lovina Paul. Ten children.
661. *Polly Geer*, born in 1793; died in 1848; married in 1813 John Emerson. Five children.
662. *Elijah Geer*, born in 1795; died in 1812.
663. *Elisha Geer*, born in 1797; died in 1825.
664. *Cyrus Geer*, born in 1798; died in 1866; married in 1820 Lucy Lamb. Seven children.
665. *Lucy Geer*, born in March 1800; died ——; married 1 July 1826 Anthony Coppy. Three children.
666. *Sheldon Geer*, born 13 January 1801; died in October 1850; married (1) in 1822 Hannah Belomy; (2) in 1828 Ruth Phillips. Ten children.
667. *Cromwell Bennett Geer*, born in 1804; died in 1851; married in 1836 ——. Two sons.
668. *Alphonso Geer*, born in 1806; died ——; married in 1830 Mary Phillips. Two sons.
669. *Philena Geer*, born ——; died young.
670. *Reuben Geer*, born ——; died young.
671. *Losha Ann Geer*, born 25 January 1813; died ——; married 20 March 1828 Welcome Horatio Phillips. Eleven children.

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DYER GEER was born 30 July 1787; died 23 July 1865; married 11 December 1811 Sarah Jefferson, born 15 February 1793; died 23 July 1873.

Children: 11, 3 sons and 8 daughters:

+ 672. *William Remington Geer*, born 10 September 1812; died ——; married 7 December 1837 Sally A. Perkins.
673. *Emelina Geer*, born 4 December 1813; died ——; married 1 May 1838 Joseph Tyrel. Three children.

674. *Sarah Ann Geer*, born 19 June 1816; died ——; married 3 August 1837 C. L. Sherman.
675. *Amelia Geer*, born 3 August 1818; died ——; married 24 December 1835 Lorenzo D. Perkins. Three children.
676. *Betsey Geer*, born 27 March 1820; died 16 September 1852; married 31 December 1839 David Moody.
677. *Hannah Briggs Geer*, born 26 April 1823; died ——; married 14 October 1843 William Moody. Four children.
+ 678. *Eben Ezer Geer*, born 10 April 1826; died ——; married Hattie Ann Pardee.
679. *Asenath Geer*, born 4 December 1827; died 27 July 1871; married 20 February 1849 Edward Webb.
680. *Margaret Geer*, born 24 August 1829; died 27 July 1871.
681. *Maria Geer*, born 24 May 1833; died 11 July 1852.
682. *Charles Dyer Geer*, born 18 December 1838; died ——; married 6 February 1862 Hattie Chapin.

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Samuel Geer was born 5 December 1768; died 21 November 1810; married 1 January 1792 Lucy Tracy, who was born 9 February 1771; died 27 November 1873. She was the daughter of Hon. Samuel Tracy, of Preston, Conn., and Amy (Partridge) Tracy.

He was a very muscular man — could lift very heavy weights and perform many feats of strength. He was also very fond of wrestling with any one who would meet him, and for this reason was known among his comrades as "Fighting Sam."

Children: 10, 2 sons and 8 daughters:

683. *Lydia Geer*, born 3 October 1792.
684. *Elias Geer*, born 10 July 1794.
685. *Eunice Geer*, born 31 March 1796.
686. *Anna Geer*, born 14 September 1797.
+ 687. *Samuel Geer*, born 22 July 1799; died ——; married Betsey Wilber.
+ 688. *Lucy Geer*, born 5 October 1801; died ——; married John Burdick.
689. *Amy Geer*, born 10 May 1803.
690. *Polly Geer*, born 15 June 1805.

691. *Eliza Geer*, born 16 August 1807; died ——; married Jacob Parker Wilkerson, of Norwich.
692. *Susannah Geer*, born 25 July 1809.

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CHARLES GEER was born 28 January 1777; died 30 May 1838; married 3 January 1799 Sally Graves.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

693. *Harriet Geer*, born 1 January 1801; married Charles Dickinson. Three children.
+ 694. *George Geer*, born in 1806; died 15 October 1849; married Eliza Sears.
695. *Charles Geer*.
696. *Sally Geer*.

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EBENEZER GEER was born in Norwich, Conn., 28 March 1783; died in Kinderhook, N. Y., 16 November 1857; married in Nassau, N. Y., 13 February 1819, Elethea Marshall, born there 23 October 1794.

Children: 7, 3 sons and 4 daughters:

697. *James Geer*, born March 1820; died 17 February 1842.
698. *Willard Ellis Geer*, born 2 September 1823; died ——; married (1) 19 September 1850 Eliza Jane Dunkin, who died 10 December 1870; married (2) Sarah M. Stairs. Three children. He was a graduate of Rutgers College.
699. *Martha Jane Geer*, born 25 October 1826; married 3 November 1849 Samuel W. Seeley. Lived in Arcadia, Wayne County, N. Y.
700. *Mary Elizabeth Geer*, born 25 November 1829; married 22 August 1852 Andrew I. Gardiner; died 16 August 1867. Lived in Hoboken, N. J.
701. *Lydia A. Geer*, born 9 March 1831; married 9 December 1857, Charles Mosher. Lived in Canandaigua, N. Y.
702. *John Marshall Geer*, born 20 August 1833; married 5 November 1856 Hannah Matilda Stout. Seven children. He was a printer. Resided in New Brunswick, N. J.
703. *Harriet M. Geer*, born 14 April 1836; married 18 June 1859 George Whitfield Jenks. Lived in Hoboken, N. J.

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FITCH GEER was born 18 April 1788; died 2 August 1860; married in September 1819 Diana Townsend, who was born 16 April 1797; died 28 March 1834.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

704. *William Geer*, born 9 September 1821; died ——; married 11 May 1851 Amelia Dyer. Two daughters.
705. *Frances Geer*, born 20 April 1824; died 22 July 1825.
706. *Elbridge Geer*, born 29 September 1826; married 14 November 1852 Sarah C. Mayo. Four children.
707. *Charles Abel Geer*, born 14 November 1831; died ——; married 8 February 1855 Augusta A. Wheeler. Four children.
708. *Mary Elizabeth Geer*, born 10 November 1833; died 28 October 1864; married 26 February 1854 Alvan P. Boardman. One daughter.

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AMOS GEER was born 11 April 1787; died 9 February 1873; married in 1813 Betsey Briggs.

Children who lived to maturity: 8, 6 sons and 2 daughters:

709. *Amos Thomas Geer*, born in 1814; died ——; married Cornelia Parker. Seven children. He enlisted in 1862 in the 143rd Penn.; served throughout the war; was discharged in New York City, and never heard of again.
710. *Betsey Geer*, born in 1816; died ——; married in 1843 Solomon Davis. Three children.
711. *Rachel Geer*, born 10 October 1817; died ——; married 16 October 1843 Chauncey Miner. Three children.
712. *Lebeus Geer*, born 1819; died ——; married Grace Wait. Seven children. He enlisted in 1862 in the 8th N. Y. Cavalry. Served through the war. Was honorably discharged at Rochester, and never heard of again.
713. *Daniel Mark Geer*, born in 1824; died ——; married 15 September 1851 Laura E. Stanton. Two sons.

+ 714. *Asa Geer*, born 26 May 1826; died 6 October 1864; married Hannah D. Barber.

715. *Reuben Geer*, born 25 December 1831; died ——; married 18 September 1856 Elizabeth Lect. Four sons.

716. *Francis Geer*, born in 1841. He enlisted for three months in a Pennsylvania regiment. Was reported wounded and never heard of again.

[NOTE: For Nos. 717 to 723 see Part Three, Additional Information, No. 363.]

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ROBERT GEER was born 28 March 1761; died ——; married Cassandria Stanton, born in Groton, Conn., in 1762. They lived on "Pumpkin Hill" in Groton (now Ledyard).

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

724. *Abigail Geer.*
725. *Robert Geer.*

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EBENEZER GEER was born 28 October 1764; died about 1835; married Lucy Chapman, of Groton, Conn. He was a school teacher. Lived in Auburn, N. Y.

Children: 10, 8 sons and 2 daughters:

726. *Abel Geer*, born in June 1787; died in 1815. Served in the War of 1812.
727. *Ebenezer Geer*, born in 1790; died in 1862; never married.
728. *Olivia Geer*, born in February 1793; died in 1883; married Samuel Alger.
729. *Jabez Geer*, born in July 1795; died in July 1843; married Lydia Magee.
730. *Amos Geer*, born 23 May 1798; died 18 April 1873; married Elizabeth DeWitt. Eleven children.
731. *James Geer*, born 1 January 1800; died July 1841; married Harriet Rounds.
732. *Charles Grandison Geer*, born 22 May 1803; married (1) Lucy Defondorff; (2) Mary Ann McKnight. Seven children.
733. *Lauren Geer*, born ——; married and had one or two children.
734. *Lucy Ann Geer*, born in June 1807; died in June 1870; married a Montgomery. Lived in Auburn, N. Y.

735. *Henry L. Geer*, born 17 February 1810; died in March 1851; married Betsey Little.

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GREENMAN GEER was born 2 October 1767; died ——; married (1) Eleanor Reed; (2) Dorcas Dunham; (3) Charlotte Davis, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Child: 1 son:

736. *Gilbert Dunham Geer*, born about 1800; died in February 1845; married about 1835 Minerva Leggett. Two children: *George* and *Mary Geer*.

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AMOS GEER was born in North Groton (now Ledyard), 7 October 1772; died 19 March 1865; married in Groton 5 January 1800 Prudence Allyn, born in Groton 23 March 1776; died 4 December 1836. She was the daughter of Ephraim and Temperance (Morgan) Allyn.

He was a farmer; lived in Ledyard.

Children: 10, 7 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 737. *Amos Geer*, born 10 November 1800; died 20 October 1867; married 11 April 1824 Eunice Morgan.

+ 738. *Prudence Geer*, born 24 October 1802; died 22 March 1833; married Billings Avery.

+ 739. *Shubael Geer*, born 20 August 1804; died 23 December 1859; married Mary Wilber.

+ 740. *Robert Allyn Geer*, born 25 October 1806; died 10 December 1888; married (1) Eunice Bailey; (2), Jennette Phelps.

741. *Eliza Bill Geer*, born 19 January 1809; died 19 January 1897, aged 88 years.

+ 742. *Alexander Hamilton Geer*, born 9 January 1811; died 19 December 1879; married Cordelia Comstock.

743. *Abel Israel Geer*, born 31 March 1813; died in March 1814.

+ 744. *Alfred Smith Geer*, born 25 January 1815; died 26 May 1877; married Martha Ann LaShone.

+ 745. *Jacob Allyn Geer*, born 24 January 1817; died 19 October 1857; married Julia Gallup.

746. *Lydia Almira Geer*, born 22 April 1819; died 7 June 1902; married 27 November 1845 William Tinker, of Westfield, Mass. Children: (1) William Amos Tinker, born 18 January 1850; died 26 June 1858; (2) Jennie Amanda Tinker, born 13 March 1856; married 13 November 1874 B. B. Adams, of Westfield, Mass.

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PRUDENCE GEER was born 13 October 1768; died 15 July 1854, aged 85 years; married 14 February 1801 Amos Bailey of Groton, Conn., born 26 January 1777; died 9 November 1865.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Prudence Bailey*, born 19 March 1804; died 12 August 1863; married 16 January 1825 Robert Kent. Ten children. Lived in Bridgewater, Penn.

(2) *Amos Geer Bailey*, born 12 February 1806; died 31 March 1855; married 23 August 1827 Rowena Kent.

(3) *Eunice Geer Bailey*, born 1 April 1808; died 14 December 1893; never married.

(4) *Obadiah Bailey*, born 14 September 1810; died 16 February 1896; married 22 November 1832 Annis Palmer. Four children, all married.

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LUCINDA GEER was born 27 June 1774; died 2 November 1858; married 27 December 1795 Lyman Killam.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Eunice Killam*, born 6 November 1796; died 28 February 1876; married in 1815 Nicholas Hoes.

(2) *James Killam*, born 26 October 1798; died 24 May 1878; married 4 April 1821 Caroline Holden, born 31 January 1799; died 6 June 1879. Ten children.

(3) *Thankful Killam*, born 6 March 1802; died 6 December 1877; married 2 April 1829 Kirby Safford.

(4) *Samuel Killam*, born 24 February 1804; died 9 January 1890; married 12 April 1827 Sally Maria Caswell; born 13 September 1804; died 21 January 1893. Six children.

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CHARLES GEER was born 19 July 1776; died 5 February 1842; married 17 December 1799 Sarah Denison, born 3 May 1777; died 16 March 1841. She was the daughter of Colonel George Denison, of Hartland, Vermont. Lived in Brooklyn, Penn.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

747. *Sarah Denison Geer*, born 12 February 1801; died 11 October 1879; married 20 March 1848 Jacob Kintner. No issue. Lived in Washington, Penn.

+ 748. *Lucy Fitch Geer*, born 16 October 1802; died 11 March 1871; married Dr. Jonathan Harris Merrill.

+ 749. *Charles Denison Geer*, born 29 October 1805; died 3 June 1832; married Fanny Baker.

+ 750. *Robert Wheeler Geer*, born 17 April 1808; died ——; married (1) Julia E. Packer; (2) Mrs. Mary Rhodes.

+ 751. *Julia Ann Geer*, born 11 May 1815; died 30 October 1888; married James Wallace Adams.

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EBENEZER GEER was born 8 February 1779; died 2 December 1845; married 1 November 1810 Pedy Elery Morgan, who was born 25 March 1783; died 10 August 1881, aged 98 years. Lived in Brooklyn, Penn.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

752. *Lucy Ledyard Geer*, born 20 December 1812; died 11 October 1870; married 14 December 1836 Reuben Orson Miles, born 7 December 1811. Two daughters.

+ 753. *Christopher Morgan Geer*, born 7 November 1814; died 15 June 1892; married Emma A. Smith.

754. *Pedy Emily Geer*, born 13 June 1820; died ——; married 20 February 1842 Gurdon W. Palmer. Two children, died young.

There was also an infant daughter, born and died 16 September 1811.

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James Geer was born in Ledyard 31 October 1783; died there 4 March 1872, aged 88 years; married 20 January 1808 Sally Lewis, born 15 June 1787; died 28 May 1863.

He was the compiler of the *Historical Sketch and Genealogy of George and Thomas Geer*, published in 1856.

He was a farmer and cabinet maker; a Justice of the Peace; and warden of St. James Church for forty years.

He lived in Ledyard on the "Geer Homestead" farm, where the first George Geer made his settlement, and where all of his children were born as well as many of his descendants. The first dwelling built by George was probably a log house near the spring; later he built a larger house. His grandson, Ebenezer, built a third house, and a fourth, the present "George Geer Homestead," was erected on the same site by James Geer in 1848.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 755. *James Lewis Geer*, born 8 November 1808; died 9 February 1899; married (1) Prudence Almira Gallup; (2) Mary Ellen Geer (769).

+ 756. *Nathaniel Bellows Geer*, born 31 January 1810; died 18 August 1898; married Julia Davis.

757. *Sarah Maria Geer*, born 16 December 1813; died 23 May 1897; married 8 January 1843 Albert A. Bailey, born 24 August 1812; died 29 January 1896. He was a member of the firm of Myers & Bailey, of Norwich, Conn.

758. *Abby Geer*, born 24 December 1820; died 26 October 1901; never married.

There was also an infant son, born 22 December, died 24 December 1816.

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Sophia Geer was born 12 June 1786; died in Brooklyn, Penn., 30 March 1882, aged nearly 96 years; married Stephen Breed of Milford, Conn. Lived in Brooklyn, Penn.

Children: 2 sons:

(1) *Stephen Wheeler Breed,* born 6 September 1811; died 28 October 1880; married (1) Lucy Beardsley, born 9 May 1812; died 23 May 1846; (2) Susannah Guile 12 September 1847.

Child by second wife: 1 son:

(a) George Fitch Breed, born 17 December 1848; died in Philadelphia 17 April 1921; married Caroline Martin, who died at Mount Airy 4 May 1923. No children. He graduated from Cornell, and Berkeley Divinity School (Conn.). Rector of Episcopal churches in Collinsville, Conn., Troy and Brooklyn, New York, and later at Mount Airy, Philadelphia, Penn.

(2) *Robert Fitch Breed,* born 6 March 1815; died 27 February 1882; married 21 April 1874 Emily M. Beers.

Children: 3 sons:

(a) Stephen Fitch Breed, born 7 January 1875.
(b) Elmer Williams Breed, born 17 February 1876.
(c) Robert Stanley Breed, born 17 October 1877.

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JOHN GEER was born 11 June 1779; died 29 October 1863; married 22 February 1804 Mehetabel Leonard, born 26 December 1779; died 17 October 1838.
Lived in Griswold, Conn.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

759. *Mehetabel Geer,* born 26 February 1805; died 2 October 1869.
+ 760. *John Denison Geer,* born 24 December 1807; died 13 May 1882; married Mary Ann Cook.
761. *Sarah Maria Geer,* born 29 October 1809; died 10 July 1882; married Edwin B. Meech.

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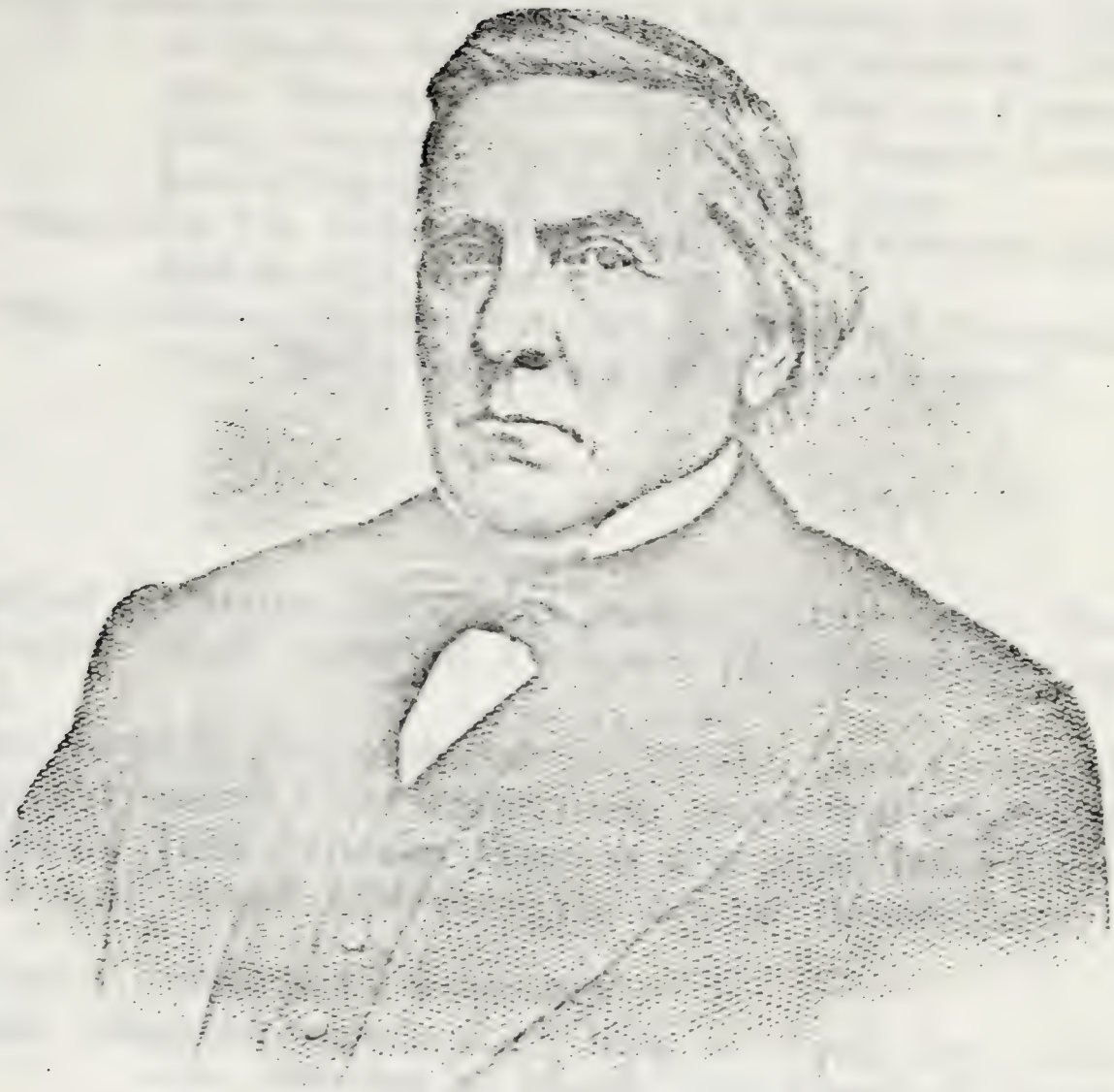
NATHAN GEER was born 30 April 1781; died 7 April 1868; married 2 May 1816 Sophia Rossiter.
Lived in Preston, Conn.

James Geer



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Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

762. *Nathan Punderson Geer*, born in Preston 29 June 1817; died there 28 September 1906, aged 89 years; never married.
763. *Denison Rossiter Geer*, born 22 October 1818; died 16 March 1896; married (1) 29 September 1868 Mrs. Rebecca Hollowell, who died 23 October 1869; married (2), in Leydard, Hannah Lamb, born 28 April 1824; died 1 August 1914.
764. *John Jay Geer*, born in Preston 15 February 1821; died in 1857; never married.
765. *Prudence Sophia Geer*, born in Preston 6 September 1830; died 3 September 1863; never married.

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ELIJAH DENISON GEER was born 17 April 1783; died 10 August 1848; married 15 April 1812 Dorothy Geer (339).

They lived in the north part of Preston (now Griswold) on the old Joseph Geer homestead, which was purchased in 1816 by John Wheeler Geer as a present for his son, and is still owned and occupied by his descendants.

Children: 7, 3 sons and 4 daughters:

766. *Dorothy Amanda Geer*, born 11 April 1813; died ——; married 28 March 1849 Joseph W. Spalding.
767. *Sarah Ann Geer*, born 2 June 1815.
768. *Elijah Denison Geer*, born 15 November 1817; died 6 February 1818.
769. *Mary Ellen Geer*, born 29 November 1819; died 1 June 1887; married James L. Geer (755).
770. *William Stanton Geer*, born 21 May 1822; died 18 November 1842.
+ 771. *David Austin Geer*, born 17 August 1824; died 29 March 1907; married Sarah Leonard.
772. *Delia Jane Geer*, born 13 March 1827; died 1904; married, in Faribault, Minn., 14 September 1857, Noyes Barber Gallup, who was born in Voluntown, Conn., 12 January 1831. Children (Gallup): (1) Dolly Geer; (2) Jasper Elijah; (3) Thomas Shipman; (4) Robert Gere; (5) Martha Ellen; (6) Mary Almira; (7) Isaac Gardner.

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Moses Tyler Geer was born 11 January 1787; died 18 October 1843; married 1 February 1816 Hannah Phelps Denison, born 17 December 1789; died 2 March 1864.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 773. *Harriet Abby Geer*, born 28 October 1817; died 25 November 1860; married Ethan Allen Pierce.

774. *Moses Edward Geer*, born 24 December 1819; died 18 September 1843.

775. *Ethan Denison Geer*, born 17 April 1823; died 31 August 1843.

776. *Nathaniel Miner Geer*, born 3 August 1825; died 14 August 1825.

777. *Hannah Louise Geer*, born 26 July 1826; died ——; married 15 September 1853 Mark Philip Masten. He was born 16 April 1827; died 16 July 1864 from wounds received in battle during Civil War. Four children.

+ 778. *John Wheeler Geer*, born 16 December 1829; died 9 December 1919; married Mary L. Rowley.

779. *Fanny Ann Geer*, born 11 June 1831; died 23 August 1831.

780. *Sarah Caroline Geer*, born 22 October 1832; died 14 February 1851.

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Samuel Geer was born 30 November 1788; died 27 February 1877; married 5 October 1820 Anna Geer (345), born 12 August 1794; died 28 January 1883.

Lived in Griswold, Conn. Accumulated a handsome property on the rocky farm.

Children: 3 daughters:

781. *Mary Geer*, born 24 August 1821; died 31 August 1904; married Nathan Geer (606).

+ 782. *Prudence Ann Geer*, born 8 August 1825; died 12 January 1909; married Moses E. Norman.

783. *Lucy Emma Geer*, born 18 June 1828; died 11 January 1885; married 24 March 1860 Erastus Kinne, born ——; died 4 March 1880. No issue.

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DAVID GEER was born 20 January 1784; died 19 May 1867; married 11 January 1810 Anna, daughter of Captain Isaac and Anna (Smith) Gallup. She was born 3 September 1787; died 12 February 1862.

He was a prominent resident of Lebanon, Conn., residing on the old homestead, "Oakland Farm."

Children: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 784. *Cyrus Gallup Geer*, born 27 February 1811; died 16 May 1883; married Eunice Stark.

+ 785. *William Franklin Geer*, born 30 June 1812; died 26 August 1875; married Mary Jane Lathrop.

786. *Thankful Smith Geer*, born 10 May 1814; died 4 February 1885; married 14 January 1838 Elias B. Avery. Five children.

+ 787. *Sarah Ann Geer*, born 20 July 1818; died 10 February 1890; married Henry Nelson Stark.

+ 788. *David Geer*, born 5 March 1821; died 4 January 1894; married Lorinda Smith.

+ 789. *Erastus Geer*, born 9 October 1823, died 26 April 1895; married (1) Almira H. Saxton; (2) Frances Ardelia Gere (799).

Also an infant son, born 16 June, died 23 June 1816.

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WILLIAM STANTON GERE was born in Groton, Conn., 28 October 1785; died in Camillus, N. Y., 15 September 1852; married 14 February 1816 Lovisa Brewster, born 22 January 1797; died 27 March 1889, aged 92 years. She was the daughter of Frederic and Anna (Frink) Brewster. Lived in Belle Isle, Camillus, N. Y.

Children: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

790. *Isaac Watts Gere*, born 23 February 1817; died 13 October 1885; married 24 May 1842 Marietta Loomis. She died 13 October 1900.

+ 791. *Charles Franklin Gere*, born 21 March 1820; died 2 April 1896; married Catharine Failing.

+ 792. *Marcus Junius Gere*, born 6 February 1822; died 30 September 1904; married (1) Mary E. McCartey; (2) Catharine R. Townsend.

+ 793. *James Monroe Gere*, born 15 November 1824; died 12 July 1908; married Helen Hopkins.

794. *Eliza Lovisa Gere*, born 12 September 1828; died 6 September 1849.

795. *Henry Clay Gere*, born 4 April 1832; died 27 November 1863.

796. *Mary Sophia Gere*, born 23 November 1837; died 21 June 1868; married Robert Geer (1278).

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PRUDENCE GEER was born 30 March 1788; died 6 July 1871; married 12 March 1812 Isaac Gallup, born 21 January 1789; died 2 May 1867.

He was a carpenter. Lived in Preston, Conn.

Children who lived to maturity: 5, 1 son and 4 daughters:

(1) *Mary Ann Gallup*, born 10 December 1812; died 4 January 1836; married 1 January 1835 Elias B. Avery. One daughter, Mary Ann Gallup Avery, born 20 December 1835; married William Geer (deceased).

(2) *Prudence Almira Gallup*, born 4 March 1815; died 17 July 1847; married James L. Geer (755).

(3) *Emeline Gallup*, born 27 February 1818; died 30 December 1886; married 10 April 1845 Orlando Smith. Four children (Smith): (a) Orlando Raymond, born 1 June 1851; (b) Sarah Almira, born 16 June 1853; (c) Julia Emeline, born 10 February 1855; (d) Isaac Gallup, born 5 June 1857.

(4) *Isaac Gallup*, born 13 November 1820; married 23 March 1845 Maria Theresa Davis, whose sister Julia married Nathaniel B. Geer. Three children.

(5) *Julia Gallup*, born 4 April 1823.

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JOSEPH GERE was born 16 February 1790; died 9 April 1864; married 22 February 1816, Lura Witter, born 22 September 1794; died 20 March 1888.

Lived in Ledyard, Conn. Farmer.

Children: 4 daughters:

797. *Emily Gere*, born 9 June 1817; died 22 October 1903; married 21 March 1837 Albert G. Avery. They lived in western New York. Children

(Avery): (1) Francis Gere; (2) Lura Matilda; (3) John Fletcher; (4) Charles.

798. *Eliza Witter Gere*, born 24 December 1821; died in 1916.

799. *Frances Ardelia Gere*, born 25 July 1828; died 28 August 1905; married 21 November 1860 Erastus Geer (789).

800. *Eunice Angeline Gere*, born 27 February 1838; died 16 November 1887.

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ROBERT GERE was born in Groton, Conn., 20 November 1796; died in Syracuse, N. Y., 18 December 1877, aged 81 years; married 25 October 1820 Sophia Stanton, born 23 November 1798; died 16 November 1879.

His boyhood was passed on his father's farm in Groton, Conn. Soon after his marriage, in 1820, he moved to Florida, Montgomery County, N. Y., where he became a contractor on the Erie Canal, then nearing completion in that section. In the spring of 1824 he moved again, to Geddes, and settled on a farm west of the village, in what is now a part of the city of Syracuse. He early engaged in the manufacture of salt, which became one of the principal industries of Onondaga, and continued for many years to be interested in that business. In 1832 he became connected with the lumber trade, shipping pine from the Cicero swamp. In 1835–36, he contracted for the manufacture and delivery of rails and ties for the Utica & Schenectady, and Auburn & Syracuse railroads. In 1843, he left his farm and went to Syracuse, then a village, where he formed a partnership, and started a furnace and foundry business, which proved very successful. In 1848 he was appointed, by the Governor, superintendent of the Onondaga Salt Springs, a position which he held for three years. He then resigned, to take the contract for the building of the locks at Salina, also doing the section work on part of the Oswego canal. In connection with others he then organized the Geddes Coarse Salt Company, of which he was chosen president, a position he held until his death. In the meantime he had also become extensively interested in various iron industries, which still remain largely under the control

of his family. He was a man of great executive ability, forming his plans quickly, and carrying them out successfully: with a vision which looked beyond the possibilities of the moment to the demands of the future. His name figures prominently among the successful business men of his city and county.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 801. *Robert Nelson Gere*, born 17 January 1822; died 7 November 1890; married (1) Sophia M. Ward; (2) Lucy Anna Geer (813).

+ 802. *George Clinton Gere*, born 26 April 1824; died 14 April 1900; married Adelia Manzer.

+ 803. *Mary Anna Gere*, born 14 December 1825; died 26 December 1910; married James J. Belden.

+ 804. *William Henry Harrison Gere*, born 14 August 1829; died 14 January 1909; married (1) Octavia Frances Cady; (2) Sarah Phelps.

+ 805. *Nathan Stanton Gere*, born 16 August 1832; died 30 January 1885; married Mary L. Sweet.

Also an infant daughter, born and died 27 October 1827.

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Isaac Wheeler Geer was born in North Groton (now Ledyard) 1 June 1801; died there 5 January 1855; married (1), in Preston, 9 January 1825, Asenath, daughter of Seth and Abigail (Williams) Williams, born in Preston 25 January 1804; died 8 May 1827. He married (2) 8 May 1828 Experience, daughter of Amos and Dorothy (Crary) Avery, born 1 July 1807; died 1 February 1877.

He lived in Poquetanuck, Ledyard, in the house built by his father, David Geer. In early life he served in the State Militia, and rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He was very fond of music, and was one of the old-fashioned singing-masters, teaching in all the neighboring towns. He was for twenty-five years chorister in St. James Church; also a vestryman for many years. He was a very highly respected citizen in his native town.

Child by first wife: 1 daughter:

806. *Asenath Williams Geer*, born 26 May 1826; died 25 August 1859; married 9 January 1851 Andrew Brewster. One child: (1) Delia Avery Brewster,

born 15 June 1855; died in Woodstock 19 October 1910; married 18 August 1886 Louis Rhodes Southworth.

Children by second wife: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 807. *Isaac Wheeler Geer*, born 10 April 1829; died 4 January 1916; married (1) Hannah C. Lamb; (2) Julia Frances Adams.

+ 808. *David Geer*, born 13 September 1832; died 12 July 1891; married Eunice O. Witter.

809. *Delia Geer*, born 24 March 1838; died in Syracuse 27 October 1872; married 19 February 1863 Cyrus Denison Avery, of Syracuse, who died 29 November 1911. No issue.

+ 810. *Mary Louise Geer*, born 31 March 1843; married 17 November 1868 Captain Theophilus Brown.

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CHARLES GEER was born 19 August 1803; died 6 November 1870; married 12 January 1831 Elizabeth Brewster Hall, born 12 August 1807.

A farmer. Lived in Geddes, N. Y.

Children: 5, 1 son and 4 daughters:

811. *Helen Geer*, born 23 August 1833; died 14 September 1833.

812. *Mary Elizabeth Geer*, born 22 July 1834.

813. *Lucy Anna Geer*, born 7 April 1837; died 23 January 1920; married 21 September 1887 Robert Nelson Gere (801).

814. *Caroline Tracy Geer*, born 4 April 1839; married 6 February 1867 Charles E. Hubbell, of Geddes.

815. *Joseph Stanton Geer*, born 26 September 1842; died 17 January 1863.

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SARAH GEER was born in Groton, Conn., 20 August 1762; died in Galway, N. Y., 25 August 1846, aged 84 years; married Joseph Brewster of New London, Conn., who was born in Norwich 25 November 1769; died in Shortsville, N. Y., 26 August 1850.

There were six children: (Brewster) (1) Joseph; (2) Isaac; (3) John; (4) Stephen; (5) Sally; and (6) Betsey.

(4) *Stephen Brewster*, born in Shaftsbury, Vt., 24 March 1792; died in Shortsville, N. Y., 27 August 1879; married in Manchester, N. Y., 24 July 1817, Anna Pierce, born in Cheshire, Mass., 4 November 1793; died 1 October 1839.

There were four children who lived to maturity: (a) Nathan; (b) Cynthia; (c) Mary; and (d) Betsey.

(b) Cynthia Brewster, born in Manchester 20 February 1824; died in Shortsville 30 September 1889; married there 22 June 1856 Abram Bronk, born in Florida 10 August 1817; died 13 May 1870.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

(i) Isabelle Bronk, born 4 December 1858; unmarried. At Wellesley College, 1879–83; Cassel, Germany, 1883–84; Leipzig, 1889–91; University of Chicago, Ph.D. 1900. Instructor University of Chicago, 1900–01; professor of French at Swarthmore (Pa.) College since 1902.

(ii) Mary Brewster Bronk, born 29 January 1861; died 27 January 1869.

(iii) Mitchell Bronk, born in Manchester, N. Y., 24 November 1862; married in New York City 15 October 1896, Marie Wulf, born in Hoboken, N. J., 16 September 1873. Two children (Bronk): Detlev Wulf, born 13 August 1897; and Isabelle, born 13 April 1903. Detlev graduated Swarthmore College A.B. 1920; University Michigan, M.S. 1922; was in U. S. Naval Aviation Service, rank of ensign, during Great War; married at Swarthmore, Penn., 10 September 1921, Helen Alexander Ramsey. Instructor in Physics at University Michigan; member Sons American Revolution; Engineers Club, Philadelphia, and American Association for Advancement of Science. Address: 11 Ridge Way, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Isabelle is a student at Wellesley College.

Dr. Bronk graduated at the University of Rochester, A.B. 1886; D.D. 1913; University of New York, A.M. 1896; Union Theological Seminary, Crozer Theological Seminary, Universities of Leipzig, Jena, Berlin, and Geneva. Pastor Ascension Baptist Church, New York City, 1893–1900; First Baptist Church, Bayonne, N. J., 1900–12; Second Baptist Church, Troy, 1912–19; First Baptist Church,

Stoneham, Mass., 1919– . Member Sons American Revolution, Society Mayflower Descendants. Has contributed many stories, special articles, translations and religious essays to papers and magazines. Address: 47 Cedar Ave. Stoneham, Mass.

(iv) John Stephen Bronk, born 5 November 1865; married in Boston 18 September 1900 Josephine Whitman Greenlaw. Graduated University of Rochester 1887; admitted to the Bar 1889. Lawyer. Resides in Rochester, N. Y.

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Isaac Gere was born in Groton, Conn., 1765; died in Galway, N. Y., in 1847; married 17 October 1790 Deborah Wright, born in 1773; died in 1847.

He bore the title of Colonel, probably in the State Militia. Was Justice of the Peace 18 years. State Senator and Member of Assembly.

Children who lived to maturity: 8, 1 son and 7 daughters:

816. *Elizabeth Gere*, born 1792; died 1868; married in 1812 Samuel Stillwell.
817. *Mary Gere*, born 22 September 1793; died 27 April 1849; married 5 February 1818 Jonathan Edgecomb.
818. *Susan Gere*, born 14 January 1797; died 25 February 1875; married 21 February 1821 C. D. Swan.
819. *William Gere*, born 1799; died 1860; married in 1830 Fannie Swan.
820. *Hannah Gere*, born in 1803; died in 1837; married in 1828 Nathaniel Barker.
821. *Malinda Gere*, born in 1806; died in 1835.
822. *Harriet Gere*, born in 1809; died ——; married in 1838 Dr. H. M. Mills.
823. *Emma Gere*, born in 1811; died ——; married in 1835 James M. Barker.

There were also two children who died young: *Charles* and *Sarah*.

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Luther Geer was born in Groton, Conn., in 1775; died in Ithaca, N. Y., 9 July 1862; married in Ledyard, Conn., 4 February 1801, Almira Buell, born in Castleton,

Vt., 19 February 1782; died in Ithaca, N. Y., 19 August 1831.

He moved to Cayuga County, N. Y., about 1898. Was one of the original founders of Ithaca, where he settled in 1802, and became one of the leading citizens. He was judge of the old Court of Common Pleas; president of the Newburgh branch bank; for many years afterward of the Bank of Ithaca. Later he was engaged in the mercantile business. Mason.

Children: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters:

824. *Eliza Geer*, born 19 December 1804; died 2 January 1858; married 31 August 1824 Newton Gunn. No children.

825. *Isaac Bradford Geer*, born in 1806; died in February 1860; married in 1836 Adeline B. Drake. Two sons.

826. *Jane Ann Geer*, born 24 October 1809; died ——; married 27 May 1833 Daniel T. Tillston. Four children.

827. *Adeline Elizabeth Geer*, born 10 July 1816; died 31 May 1897; married 18 August 1835 George McCormick. Six children, of whom the youngest, John Henry McCormick, born 1 July 1856, married 30 November 1885 Jennie Daudart, and has a daughter Julia, who married Dr. H. H. Beers, of New York City.

Luther also had two children who died young: *Mary* and *William*.

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William Gere was born in Groton, Conn., 20 February 1776; died in Utica, N. Y., 25 November 1849; married Rebecca Merriman, born 15 August 1777; died 4 August 1850.

He removed from Connecticut to Sauquoit, Township of Paris, Oneida County, and finally settled in Utica. He received the commission of major in the War of 1812.

Children who lived to maturity: 5, 1 son and 4 daughters:

828. *Semantha Gere*, born 10 February 1800; never married.

829. *Eliza Gere*, born 29 November 1801; never married.

830. *William Gere*, born 5 January 1804; married three times.
831. *Laura Gere*, born 12 January 1807; married Reuben Irons. One child.
832. *Almira Gere*, born 22 August 1808; married 10 February 1833 Charles Church. Six children.

There were also two children who died in infancy: *Isaac* and *Nathan*.

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ISAAC GERE was born in Preston 6 December 1771; died in Northampton, Mass., 24 September 1812; married (1) 1 July 1798 Jemima Kingsley; married (2) Lucy Ware.

He was a jeweler and clockmaker.

Children by first wife: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 833. *Edward Gere*, born 19 December 1798; died 24 September 1832; married Arabelle Williams.
834. *Lucy Gere*, born 11 September 1800; died young.
+ 835. *Isaac Gere*, born 3 February 1803; died 21 January 1851; married Lucy Wright.

Children by second wife: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 836. *Frederick Gere*, born ——; died ——; married Ruth Sheldon Warner.
837. *William Gere.*
838. *Lucy Gere.*

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ERASTUS GEER was born 14 January 1789; died in Pittsfield, Mass., 27 May 1864, and was buried in the Pittsfield cemetery. He married Sophia, daughter of Cyrus and Mary Eddy Spicer. She was born in Pittstown, N. Y., 17 January 1792; died 24 January 1854. Her father, Cyrus Spicer, was born in North Groton in 1750, where he resided until 1788, when he moved to Pittstown. There he was a prosperous and influential man, holding the office of Justice of the Peace for several years. He left quite a large estate.

Child: 1 daughter:

839. *Emily Geer*, born in 1817; died in 1860; married Theodore C. Richmond. No issue.

The records of Pittsfield, Mass., state that Erastus

Geer, age 62, married there on 9 November 1851 Mahala Goodrich, a widow, age 61 years. They both gave their birthplace as Groton, Conn. His father was Richard Geer, and he lived in Pittstown, N. Y. Her father was Stephen Newton, and her residence was Pittsfield. The records further state that Mahala Geer, widow, died in 1870, of old age, at 79 years 11 months.

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GILBERT GEER was born in Pittstown, N. Y., 7 September 1795; died at Waterford 22 April 1882, aged 86 years; married (1) 25 December 1822 Audria Spencer, born in 1801; died 1 September 1840; (2) 28 November 1841 Mary D. De Wolf, born 10 March 1807.

Lived in Troy, N. Y.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 840. *Erastus Geer*, born 17 January 1824; died 5 August 1897; married Agnes Parker.

841. *Huldah Maria Geer*, born 26 August 1825; died 9 July 1826.

+ 842. *Gilbert Geer*, born 8 May 1827; died 26 March 1886; married Frances A. Mosher.

843. *Mary Frances Geer*, born 18 February 1829; died 16 December 1859; married 9 September 1851 John S. Holden. One child: Mary Jane Holden, born 5 December 1852; married Charles Porter.

+ 844. *Charles Henry Geer*, born 9 January 1831; died——; married Julia Rath.

845. *Helen Jane Geer*, born 1 March 1833; died 17 August 1834.

+ 846. *George Spencer Geer*, born 17 May 1836; died 1892; married Martha Clarke Hamilton.

847. *Marcia Baker Geer*, born 8 February 1839; died 13 April 1843.

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GEORGE GEER was born in Groton 2 May 1783; died——; married in Groton 14 December 1809 Diedinia Daboll.

Child: 1 daughter:

848. *Lucy D. Geer*, born 22 September 1810; died 28 October 1868; married William Moxley. One son (Moxley): George William, born 14 September 1831; married Mary Abbey, born 14 October 1834; died 18 November 1876.

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SAMUEL GEER was born in Groton, Conn., 25 November 1784; died ——; married Polly Latham.

Children: 7, 6 sons and 1 daughter:

849. *Cyrus Geer*, born ——; died at sea. Never married.
850. *Gurdon Geer*. No record.
851. *Rock William Geer*, born 9 December 1811; died ——; married Elizabeth Stigner. Six children. Lived in Akron, Ohio.
852. *Henry Geer*, born ——; died in Ohio; married.
853. *Amos Geer*. No record.
854. *Sarah Geer*. Married Jacob Cole.
+ 855. *John Avery Geer*, born 25 November 1820; died 15 April 1895; married Lucretia E. Rogers.

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LAVINIA H. GEER was born in Wilmington, N. C., 15 July 1808; died there 10 June 1862; married there 11 May 1825 Louis H. Marsletter, born in Alexandria, Va., 6 May 1804; died in Wilmington 3 March 1860.

He went to Wilmington as a young man; was clerk in a drygoods store; afterwards Collector of Customs, Clerk of County Court, and Probate Judge. He was a member of the State Legislature and held other important positions. Vestryman of St. James Episcopal Church. Mason.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Wilmer Marsletter*, born 1 April 1827; died in August 1839.
(2) *Richard Spright Marsletter*, born in February 1836; died in September 1839.
(3) *Virginia Eliza Marsletter*, born 5 July 1833; died ——; married 16 October 1855 Robert Bunting,

born ——; died 31 January 1874. He enlisted in April 1861 and was captain of an artillery company, serving two years. Three children (Bunting): (a) Robert Heiskell, born 29 November 1856; (b) Lillian Geer, born 14 March 1859; (c) Louis Marsletter, born 9 March 1864.

(4) *Louis Edwin Marsletter*, born and died in 1839.

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Edwin Geer was born in Wilmington, N. C., 17 February 1817; died in Baltimore, Md., 16 July 1880; married (1) 2 December 1840 Margaret Ann Beckwith, of Raleigh, N. C.; (2) 22 October 1851 Elizabeth Margaret Blount, of Washington, N. C.

He studied for the Episcopal ministry; was rector of a church at Oxford, N. C., and afterwards at Washington, N. C. When his church was burned during the Civil War he was appointed chaplain at Wilmington. After the war he moved to Norfolk, Va., where he was assistant rector of St. Paul's Church. Shortly before his death he moved to Baltimore.

Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

856. *Edwin Geer* (1), born 7 June 1844; died of yellow fever in 1862.
857. *Kate Geer;* died young.
858. *Margaret Geer;* died young.

Children by second wife: 5, 1 son and 4 daughters:

859. *Bettie Geer*, born 8 August 1852; died 17 May 1877; married 19 April 1876 Lieut. Reiter, U. S. Navy. One son: George C. Reiter.
860. *Ennie Geer*, born 19 May 1854; died 18 June 1856.
861. *Mary Muse Geer*, born 1 September 1856.
862. *Sally Geer*, born 31 January 1863; died young.
863. *Edwin Geer* (2), born 9 February 1865.

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Sallie Caroline Geer was born 10 June 1819; died 6 February 1846; married 9 May 1839 William J. Price, born in Wilmington, N. C., April 1804; died there 25 June 1868. She was the second wife of Dr. Price, who had one child by a first marriage and six by a third.

During the Civil War, Dr. Price was colonel of the 6th North Carolina and was captured with his regiment at Roanoke Island, February 1862. He was paroled and became postmaster in Wilmington. His health was ruined by exposure in the army and he died three years after the close of the war.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Sallie Geer Price*, born 28 June 1845.

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CYNTHIA GEER was born 21 March 1794; died 6 August 1839; married 10 March 1814 Samuel Hallett, born 6 August 1790; died 30 November 1852.

Children: 9, 6 sons and 3 daughters:

(8) *John Milton Hallett*, born in New Providence, Ind., 6 May 1833; married 3 October 1861 Louisa Martin.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

(a) Edwin Stanton Hallett, born in Borden, Ind., 4 September 1862; married in Jefferson Villa, Ind., 19 July 1888, Emma K. Piers. He was in 1914 Supervising Chief Engineer U. S. Public Buildings. Residence: 5212 Cabanne Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(i) Mary Piers Hallett, born 21 October 1892.
(ii) Samuel G. Hallett, born 27 February 1895.

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JOB GEER was born 6 May 1783; died ——; married (1) Charity Post; (2) Ellen Campbell.

Child by first wife: 1 daughter:

864. *Sarah Ann Geer.*

Children by second wife: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 865. *Seth Winslow Geer*, born 12 April 1826; died ——; married (1) Elizabeth L. Campbell; (2) Helen M. Higley.

866. *Susan A. Geer*, born 5 September 1828; died ——; married 6 May 1851 Barnett McDougall. Four children. Lived in San Francisco.

867. *Benjamin Geer*, born 2 September 1833; married 3 September 1861 Anna D. Naglee. Three children. Lived in Saginaw, Mich.

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SETH GEER was born 22 July 1784; died 27 November 1847; married Lucinda Pierce. She was a younger sister of Anna, who married Solomon Geer (154).

He was a distinguished architect, and built in 1831 the La Grange Terrace ("Colonnade") in Lafayette Place (now Street), New York City; also the University Building in Washington Square.

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 868. *Harold Geer*, born in 1806; died 31 January 1854; married Rachel Berrian.

869. *Caroline Geer*, born in 1808; died ——; married Henry Bergh, the philanthropist, founder of the S.P.C.A., who was born in 1823 and died in 1888. One daughter, died young.

870. *Hiram Geer*, born in 1810; died ——.

871. *Adeline Geer*, born in 1812; died in November 1893; married Robert Charles Wetmore. Several children. A daughter, Florence Adele, lives in New London, Conn.

+ 872. *Seth Geer*, born 10 April 1815; died 15 October 1866; married Harriet Seaman.

873. *Emeline Geer*, born in 1816; married Benjamin B. Seaman. After his death she lived in the family of her nephew, Alexander W. Geer (1392), until her death. She owned the house where they lived at High Bridge, and left it to her nephew.

874. *Johnson Chase Geer*, born in 1819; died young.

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DARIUS GEER was born in Groton, Conn., 18 July 1786; died in New York City 24 April 1863; married in Johnstown, N. Y., 7 April 1808, Charry Mills, born there 24 December 1789; died in East Orange, N. J., 25 October 1874.

He was a carpenter and builder. Moved to Albany; later to New York City.

Children: 12, 3 sons and 9 daughters:

875. *Julia Ann Geer*, born 26 August 1809; died 12 September 1812.
876. *Elvira Geer*, born 22 September 1811; died ——; married 24 November 1830 Robert Hingham. Nine children.
877. *Mary Geer*, born 25 May 1814; died ——.
878. *Emeline Geer*, born 1 March 1816; died 7 June 1825.
+ 879. *Darius W. Geer*, born 21 January 1818; died ——; married (1) 17 September 1844 Sarah Maria Ransom; (2) Elizabeth Smith.
880. *Amanda C. Geer*, born 6 February 1820; died ——.
881. *Caroline C. Geer*, born 8 March 1822; died 28 April 1860; married 19 April 1842 William Jeffrey. Eight children.
+ 882. *George Warren Geer*, born 3 July 1824; died ——; married Cornelia Matilda Mumford.
883. *Emeline Matilda Geer*, born 4 March 1827; died ——; married 9 July 1846 Jacob Jay Griffen.
884. *Elizabeth Louise Geer*, born 31 May 1829; died ——; married 23 October 1856 Rev. James B. Bonar. Three children.
885. *Lucinda Adelaide Geer*, born 16 March 1833; died 11 November 1856.
886. *Frederic Mills Geer*, born 27 December 1835.

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Solomon Geer was (probably) born in Charleston, S. C., in December 1779; died ——; married (1) Nancy Nichols; (2) —— Shearer.

He moved to Anderson County, S. C.

Children by first wife: 5 sons:

887. *John Geer.*
888. *Thomas Geer*, born about 1799; died ——; married ——.
+ 889. *David Nichols Geer*, born 27 September 1801; died 13 May 1878; married Nancy Taylor.
890. *William Geer.*
891. *Gillie Geer.*

Children by second wife: 3 daughters:

892. *Nancy Geer.*
893. *Susan Geer.*
894. *Eliza Geer.*

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DAVID GEER was born in 1781 ——; died ——; married ——.

He lived in Rutherfordton, N. C.

Child: 1 son:

+ 895. *John Geer*, born about 1801; died prior to 1861.

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LUTHER GEER was born in Wilmington, N. C., 17 February 1793; died 21 August 1872; married in 1813 Esther Whipple, born 16 April 1795; died 4 October 1847.

Children: 10, 5 sons and 5 daughters:

896. *Esther Geer* (1), born 1 November 1814; died 12 October 1831.
+ 897. *Luther Geer*, born 15 March 1817; died 27 June 1881; married Abby Hempstead.
898. *Solomon Geer*, born 22 September 1819; died ——.
+ 899. *Silas Whipple Geer*, born 12 January 1822; died 26 April 1899; married Rebecca Moore.
900. *Lucinda Geer*, born 12 October 1824; married Stoddard.
901. *Hiram P. Geer*, born 27 March 1827.
902. *Jacob Geer*, born 15 August 1829; died September 1845.
903. *Esther C. Geer* (2), born 1 December 1831; married in 1850 Abram Phenix. Five daughters.
904. *Henrietta Geer*, born 28 November 1835.
905. *Ophelia Geer*, born 4 November 1838.

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THOMAS GEER was born 6 June 1801; died in Ledyard 15 November 1866; married (1) in Ledyard 6 October 1821 Hannah Whipple, born 24 September 1806; died 10 July 1825; married (2) in Ledyard 20 December 1825 Thankful Whipple, born 24 September 1806. Hannah and Thankful were born in Ledyard at the place subse-

quently known as "the Richard Woodbridge Place." Their father was Silas Whipple, son of Noah Whipple, and their mother Esther Watrous, daughter of Timothy Watrous. They were all members of the Rogerine Quaker Church.

Thomas Geer was born at or near Gales Ferry, Ledyard (then Groton), Conn. He went to live with, and learned his trade, as carpenter, of Silas Whipple in 1813–14; became master carpenter and millwright, working in many different towns in New London County and vicinity. He finally settled in 1834 in Quakertown, Ledyard, where he bought and cultivated a farm; also working at his trade.

Children who lived to maturity: 8, 1 son and 7 daughters:

906. *Hannah Cordelia Geer*, born in Ledyard 11 August 1823; died there in November 1840; married William Crouch Whipple. Lived in Creston, Union County, Iowa. Ten children.

+ 907. *Lucy Ann Geer*, born 5 July 1825; died ——; married Timothy Whipple.

908. *Thankful Amela Geer*, born 18 February 1827; married in Ledyard in August 1845 Nathan Whipple. Lived in Ledyard.

909. *Elsie Eliza Geer*, born in Ledyard 11 June 1833; married there 18 February 1855 Reuben H. Lester. Lived in Groton.

910. *Emily Jane Geer*, born in Ledyard 16 June 1836; died in North Stonington 25 February 1875; married (1) in Ledyard, May 1856, Peleg Sisson; (2) in Ledyard, December 1865, Samuel Colburn. Lived in Providence, R. I.

911. *Lucinda Melissa Geer*, born in Ledyard 19 August 1840; married there, November 1861, Frank H. Bentley. Lived in Groton.

+ 912. *Thomas Pierce Geer*, born 11 June 1843; died 26 November 1900; married Ella M. Fenner.

913. *Mary Gilson Geer*, born in Ledyard 21 July 1847; married there, 4 June 1864, Charles Robert Watrous. Lived in Ledyard.

There were also three children who died young: *Hannah*, *Abby Jane*, and *Thomas*.

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JOHN OWEN GEER was born 25 July 1806; died after 1881; married (1) 11 May 1826 Almira Pendleton, who died 26 August 1836; married (2) 26 February 1837 Harriet Bennett, who died 9 August 1854; married (3) 17 November 1854 Jane S. (Case) Bassett

In 1881 he was living in Kewanee, Henry County, Ill.

Children by first wife: 3 daughters:

914. *Caroline Elizabeth Geer*, born 22 May 1827; married (1) in 1844 Elisha Partridge (divorced); married (2) Nathaniel Dark.
915. *Amelia Ann Geer*, born 30 October 1829; married in 1850 Edward Dark.
916. *Lucinda Geer*, born 21 November 1831; died 2 February 1833.

Children by second wife: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

917. *William Henry Geer*, born 16 January 1839. During the Civil War he was captain of Co. A, 42d Ill. Vol. Served four years and was in many battles.
918. *Harriet Louisa Geer*, born 3 April 1840; died 21 December 1865.
919. *Thomas Geer*, born 2 May 1842; died 6 May 1844.
920. *Susannah Geer*, born 27 August 1844; died 19 September 1854.
921. *George Geer*, born 2 September 1846; died 21 November 1847.

Children by third wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

922. *George Washington Geer*, born 17 September 1855.
923. *Annie Pierce Geer*, born 19 November 1857.
924. *Minnie Estelle Geer*, born 29 September 1861.

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EDWARD WARREN GEER was born in 1814; died ——; married Hortense Henna, a niece of J. H. M. d'Aubigné, author of the *History of the Reformation*.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

925. *Henry Merle Geer.*
926. *Ophelia Geer.*

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WHEELER GEER was born 9 November 1773; died 21 September 1854; married (1) 9 May 1799 Sally Roath, born 16 January 1777; died 4 October 1850. She was the daughter of Samuel Roath and Martha Spicer. Married (2) Sally (Kelly) Williams.

He was a ship builder and sea captain. Six of his sons were masters of vessels and two daughters married men who followed the sea.

Children: 10, 7 sons and 3 daughters:

927. *Oliver Geer*, born 12 February 1800; died 5 February 1831. He married Lucinda Beebe 11 March 1829, and had a daughter (now deceased) who also married.

+ 928. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 8 January 1802; died 30 December 1875; married Moses Williams.

+ 929. *Erastus Geer*, born 6 December 1803; died 26 July 1878; married Eliza Bateman.

+ 930. *George William Geer* born 27 March 1806; died 21 February 1886; married (1) Betsey Button; (2) Dolly (Brown) Parsons.

+ 931. *Sally Maria Geer*, born 5 May 1808; died 1 December 1873; married Edward Smith.

932. *William Wheeler Geer*, born 28 July 1810; died 22 February 1847; married Mary Hamilton. Four children (all deceased).

933. *Levi Orson Merrels Geer*, born 5 December 1812; died 1 September 1851. Never married.

+ 934. *Jeremiah Cleveland Geer*, born 24 September 1815; died 18 December 1894; married (1) Mary Ann Bushnell; (2) Eliza Platford Williams.

935. *Henry Branch Geer*, born 20 May 1818; died 8 July 1846. Never married.

936. *Martha Alma Geer*, born 2 March 1821; died 6 October 1822.

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JANE GEER was born 3 October 1763; died in 1837; married 23 September 1784 Richard Davis of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., born 22 September 1761; died 24 November 1835. They lived in Waterford, N. Y.

Children: 11, 6 sons and 5 daughters:

(1) *John Davis*, born 19 June 1785; died in 1801.
(2) *Walter Davis*, born 18 February 1787; died young.
(3) *Richard Davis*, born 24 May 1788; married Eliza Warren. He graduated at Union College; was a physician in Syracuse. Two children.
(4) *Stephen Davis*, born 6 April 1790; died young.
(5) *Maria Jane Davis*, born 22 October 1791; married William McDonald. Eleven children. Lived in Glens Falls, New York.
(6) *Fanny Charlotte Davis*, born 7 October 1793; married Dr. Benjamin A. Joslin, of Troy, New York. Eight children.
(7) *Ann Eliza Davis*, born 31 October 1795; died in October 1878; married Charles Webster, of Stockbridge, Mass. Nine children.
(8) *Cornelia Caroline Davis*, born 27 September 1798; married Chapman. Several children.
(9) *Julia Amanda Davis*, born 7 May 1800; died 2 October 1877; married Augustus Starkweather of Williamstown, Mass. Two sons.
(10) *Henry Leonard Davis*, born 27 December 1802; graduated at Union College. Lived in Moreau, New York.
(11) *Augustus Davis*, born 28 December 1804; died young.

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PETER GEER was born 13 September 1765; died in 1842; married, about 1787, Maria, daughter of Christian Deyo. She was born in 1770; died about 1814; was a descendant of the Huguenot emigrant, Christian Deyo, who settled at Kingston, New York, in 1673. (See Allied Families.)

Children, all born near New Paltz: 9, 3 sons and 6 daughters:

937. *Dolly Geer*, born 21 January 1785; married Elias York.
938. *Mary Geer*, born 30 July 1788; married Zacharias York.
939. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 23 May 1790; married —— Fryer.
940. *Julia Geer*, born 7 October 1792; married Philip Wolfe.

+ 941. *Rezin Geer*, born 9 March 1795; died 22 September 1837; married (1) Miranda Ensign; (2) Delia Epps.

942. *Peter Geer*, born 29 July 1798; died ——; married twice and had two sons, who are both deceased.

943. *Sarah Geer*, born 24 April 1805; married Robert Smith.

+ 944. *Nathan Deyo Geer*, born 12 August 1807; died in 1895; married (1) Elizabeth Wolfe; (2) Mrs. Mary A. Dibble.

945. *Lettie G. Geer*, born 7 June 1810; never married. Joined the Shakers.

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JEREMIAH GEER was born 24 December 1769; died after 1815; married 23 November 1794 Martha Morgan. She died in June 1853.

Children: 9, 6 sons and 3 daughters:

946. *Mary Ann Geer*, born 10 November 1795; died 9 June 1807.

+ 947. *Charles Vanderburgh Geer*, born 1 April 1797; died 27 October 1871; married Teresa Ely.

+ 948. *Edward Law Geer*, born 3 June 1799; died——; married (1) Mary Follet; (2) Mrs. Clarinda Wilmarth.

+ 949. *George Morgan Geer*, born 15 March 1801; died 13 October 1871; married Sarah C. Parke.

950. *Harriet Wilson Geer*, born 6 October 1804; married 24 November 1825 David N. Wheeler. Two daughters.

951. *William Davis Geer*, born 26 January 1807; died 28 January 1829.

952. *Maria Jane Geer*, born 18 July 1809; died 30 November 1826.

953. *Albert Geer*, born 4 October 1812; died 6 May 1822.

954. *Henry Geer*, born 4 October 1815; married Harriet C. Parke, by whom he had three sons and two daughters. Lived in Minnesota.

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STEPHEN GEER was born 26 September 1772; died 25 January 1847; married (1) 13 August 1793 Martha

Weed, who died 1 March 1802; married (2) 16 January 1817 Abigail Olney, who died 27 February 1849. He lived in Waterford, Penn.

Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

955. *Mary Ann Geer*, born 30 October 1794; died 24 July 1796.
956. *Mary Geer*, born 6 June 1798; married 18 August 1818 Joshua Fletcher.
957. *Peter Geer*, born 1 March 1802; died 11 July 1827.

Children by second wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

958. *Cornelia M. Geer*, born 15 July 1820; married 16 October 1838 Edward Packer. Five children.
+ 959. *Albert Rezin Geer*, born 29 April 1822; died 19 February 1903; married Sarah E. Tewkesbury.
960. *Eliza Ann Geer*, born 12 September 1824; died 9 October 1828.

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MARY GEER was born 29 May 1769; died 10 August 1856; married David Taber.

Children: 9, 3 sons and 6 daughters:

(1) *David Taber*, born 14 July 1795; never married.
(2) *Mary Hull Taber*, born 16 August 1797; married Smith. Two daughters.
(3) *Olive Taber*, born 2 May 1799; never married.
(4) *William B. Taber*, born 15 July 1802; married Anderson.
(5) *Lucretia Geer Taber*, born 16 July 1805; married George Chase.
(6) *Nancy C. Taber*, born 14 May 1807; died ——; married her cousin, Azariah Simmons, of the firm of Swain, Abel & Simmons, printers, of Philadelphia, who about 1836 founded the *Public Ledger*. One son.
(7) *Clarissa F. Taber*, born 11 November 1808; married George W. Prince. No children.
(8) *George Frederick Edmond Taber*, born 2 February 1812; married Almira Mann. No children.
(9) *Harriet Adaline Taber*, born 5 July 1814; married Ezra Doty. Several children.

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LUCRETIA GEER was born 23 May 1777; died 12 December 1852; married (1) about 1799 Azariah Jones, born in 1774; married (2) in Norwich in 1809 Seth King.

Children by first husband: 2 sons:

(1) *William Jones*, born in Norwich 24 December 1800; died in Mexico 5 November 1858; married Luceta de la Guanato.

(2) *Gurdon Azariah Jones*, born 27 June 1803; died 20 October 1874; married (1) 4 October 1826 Lucretia Rogers Herrick, who died 23 June 1840; married (2) 11 October 1843 Lucy Story, born 19 October 1814. He had seven children by his first wife and two by his second. He was captain of the Norwich Rifle Co.; was afterwards colonel 3rd Regt. until he resigned in 1840. For many years he was a member of the Norwich Common Council; also vestryman and senior warden of Christ Church. He was a boot and shoe manufacturer and dealer.

Children by second husband: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(3) *Susan Maria King* (twin), born 14 October 1810; died ——; married 1 April 1838 Courtland Noyes, born 6 December 1813. Two children: Harriett Fanning Noyes, born 8 August 1840; died at the age of 8 months; and Charles Courtland Noyes, born 9 August 1842; killed 15 June 1863, at the battle of Winchester, during the Civil War.

(4) *Samuel Hull King* (twin), born 14 October 1810; died 2 November 1824.

(5) *George Henry King*, born 26 December 1813; died 14 December 1828.

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ELIZABETH HERRICK GEER was born 22 April 1785; died 27 September 1867; married 9 August 1807 Samuel Cook Caulkins, born 26 October 1783; died 16 April 1870.

Children: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Edward McLauren Caulkins*, born 29 June 1808; died ——; married Eliza Guild. Two daughters.

(2) *John Reed Holmes Caulkins*, born 26 December 1810; died ——; married (1) Cornelia Risley; (2) Eliza Adams.

(3) *Samuel Davis Caulkins*, born 10 December 1814; died ——; married Emma Jane Whipple. One son.

(4) *Jean Victor Moreau Caulkins*, born 8 April 1816; died ——; married Eliza Reading. One daughter.

(5) *Mary Elizabeth Caulkins*, born 25 July 1824; died 24 December 1879; married Royal G. Clifton. One son.

SIXTH GENERATION

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JOSEPH CARY GEER, the ancestor of the Oregon Branch of the family, was born in Windham, Conn., 5 February 1795; died in Oregon 28 August 1881, aged 86 years.

He married (1), in Mansfield, Conn., 1 June 1815, Mary Johnson, born near Providence, R. I., 5 July 1797; died in Butteville, Oregon, 6 December 1847. She was the daughter of Kenyon and Elizabeth (Peckham) Johnson, both of Rhode Island. Her grandmother was a Hazzard. She planted the "lone pine tree" of Mansfield. Conn. It stands on the old Johnson farm near the old house. Her father was plowing, and she, a little girl of six years, was following him. He pulled up a small one-year-old pine and gave it to her, and she ran to the garden and planted it. That was in 1803. Now it is a large tree and is called the "Lone Pine."

He married (2) 24 June 1849 Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, who had lost her husband soon after arriving in Oregon in 1847. She died 14 March 1855.

He married (3) 6 June 1856 Mrs. Mary Strong, formerly of Ohio.

When the following sketch was written, 6 June 1881, by Ralph C. Geer, his eldest son, Joseph Cary Geer was alive and well, and had 165 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, with their wives and husbands, living on the Pacific coast: —

"Joseph Cary Geer was born in the east room of the old Geer home, town of Chaplin, five miles from Windham, Conn., and lived on the old place until after he married and had two children, in the meantime having served 42 days in the Windham Artillery under Captain Gurdon Hibbard, War of 1812. Colonel Satler's Regiment was stationed at New London, and Hibbard's company was known as the 'Bull Frog Company.'

"In 1818, on the 10th day of September, Joseph Cary Geer started for the far west, as Ohio was then called, which was considered more of an undertaking than going around the world is now. He arrived in Ohio and settled on the Darby Plains some time in October 1818. He worked by day's work summers, and taught school winters, until 1824. Then he removed to Madison County and engaged in the dairy business, which he followed successfully until 1840, when he again pulled up stakes and, on the 9th of September, started west again, settling in Knox County, Ill., where he built a good house and barn and otherwise improved his place. Then he took the Oregon fever, two of his sons having already gone to that country, and on the 4th day of April 1847, with the rest of his children and grandchildren, he bid farewell to civilization and started across the plains for Oregon. He arrived at his present home on the 17th day of October, 1847, where, the next spring, he planted a nursery, which business he followed until he lost his eyesight in 1856.

"He always governed himself by the Golden Rule. He never had but one fight in his life, and that was in Madison County, Ohio, when he fought about thirty minutes with a two-year-old bull. He, being a very strong and determined man, conquered the bull, and led him back to the pasture, and the bull was willing to stay.

"In Ohio, Joseph Cary Geer was called a Yankee, and the Virginians and Kentuckians hated to be outlifted by him, but they could not help it. One day at a log-rolling, one of their 'bullies' undertook to break him down lifting at a handspike, but came to the ground himself and never recovered. He was a great wrestler in his younger days, a great worker, and benevolent to a fault. He held office in both Church (Universalist) and State; was for a long time a trustee of his township in Ohio. He was an inveterate hater of tobacco; full of fun and anecdote, and I never heard him swear or tell a lie. He lost the sight of his eyes by having them operated on by a quack doctor who pretended to be an eye doctor. He had a small cataract on each eye but I do not believe they would have hurt him."

SIXTH GENERATION

Children by first wife: 10, 5 sons and 5 daughters:

+ 961. *Ralph Cary Geer*, born 13 March 1816; died 9 January 1895; married Mary Willard.

+ 962. *Frederick Wolcott Geer*, born 24 May 1817; died ——; married Mary Prentiss.

963. *Frances Emeline Geer*, born 16 September 1821; died 16 October 1897; married in 1844 John Grimm. Thirteen children.

+ 964. *Joseph Cary Geer*, born 1 February 1825; died 12 January 1908; married Clara Tevenar.

+ 965. *Isaiah Geer*, born 13 April 1827; died in 1885; married (1) Phoebe Crandall; (2) Elizabeth Overby.

+ 966. *Heman Johnson Geer*, born 23 September 1828; died 16 August 1903; married (1) Cynthia Eoff; (2) Eliza Duncan.

967. *Mary Geer*, born 19 May 1830; died 28 June 1899; married 15 February 1848 Robert V. Short. Seven children. Lived in Portland, Oregon.

968. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 27 October 1833; died in 1916; married (1) 22 August 1848 Charles Sanborn; (2) 23 April 1855 C. E. Sweitzer; (3) 23 April 1860 Joseph Sweitzer; (4) 27 February 1870 C. F. Kent. Six children.

969. *Juliette Geer*, born 4 January 1835; died 8 August 1854; never married

970. *Iantha Geer*, born 6 December 1836; died 29 January 1907; married 31 August 1852 John Kruse. Seven children.

Children by second wife: 3 sons:

971. *Orlando Thurston Geer*, born 22 January 1851; died 29 December 1851.

972. *Lucien Geer*, born 16 February 1854; married in 1878 Kate Ives. One child: *Elizabeth Geer*. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

+ 973. *Joel Palmer Geer*, born 7 March 1856; died in 1917; married Calista Culver.

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WINTHROP GEER was born 2 August 1797; died in Knox County, Illinois, 10 November 1877; married in 1822 Sophia, daughter of Isaac Crane, who was born 1 June 1802.

He moved to Illinois in 1840.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

974. *Irene Geer*, born 25 April 1823; died 3 January 1850; married in September 1842 Calvin Willard, son of Col. A. S. Willard, of Madison County, Ohio.

975. *Caroline Geer*, born 7 November 1825; died 10 February 1902.

+ 976. *George Geer*, born 7 April 1831; died 19 September 1913; married Mary Jane Grimm.

+ 977. *Anson Cary Geer*, born 22 July 1834; died 3 April 1898; married Marie A. Hunt.

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Aaron Geer was born 20 November 1804; died 7 March 1885; married 3 July 1831 Sarah Abbe Crane, born 24 March 1811; died 28 September 1876. (See Abbe Genealogy, 146.)

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

978. *Almira E. Geer*, born 26 December 1831; married 11 June 1872 George L. Briggs. Lived in Willimantic, Conn.

979. *Harriet Gertrude Geer*, born 9 September 1833.

980. *Chauncey Cleveland Geer*, born 27 December 1844; married Georgiana Newton.

981. *Anson Cary Geer*, born 23 May 1851; married 26 May 1880 Lizzie Jane Blake, born 8 October 1859. One child: (1) *Myra Geer*, born 11 March 1881; never married. Lives in Boston.

982. *Josephine A. Geer*, born 25 March 1855; died 7 July 1855.

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Philo Geer was born 4 January 1807; died 23 December 1883; married Margaret Jolly, born 12 September 1814; died 18 March 1891.

Children: 2 daughters:

983. *Lora M. Geer*, born 27 May 1836; died 8 June 1908; married, 8 April 1860, O. H. P. Tanquary, born 12 March 1828; died 22 April 1881. One daughter: (1) Nellie C. Tanquary, married Ralph C. Geer (1816).

984. *Ardillo Geer*, born 9 March 1844; died 26 October 1873.

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JEPHTHAH GEER was born 7 February 1774; died 31 August 1851; married in Worthington, Conn., 19 November 1797, Olivet Herrick, born 2 May 1777; died 10 August 1854.

Children: 9, 4 sons and 5 daughters:

985. *Olivet Geer*, born 24 January 1800; died 19 March 1837; married Elisha S. Bill.
986. *Laura Geer*, born 10 November 1801; died in Claridon, Ohio, 5 October 1896; married 13 November 1826 Ezra Starkweather. Five children.
+ 987. *Jephthah Geer*, born 13 February 1804; died 3 December 1870; married (1) Olive Starkweather; (2) Mary L. Kimball.
+ 988. *Eunice Geer*, born 28 April 1806; married Charles Barstow.
989. *Almira Geer*, born 24 March 1808; died 3 April 1858; married Mason Morse.
+ 990. *Hollibut W. Geer*, born 8 March 1810; died ——; married (1) Lucy A. Coats; (2) Sally Ann Jillson.
991. *Thomas Clark Geer*, born 22 February 1812; died 1 October 1817.
+ 992. *Isaac Sidney Geer*, born 7 April 1814; died ——; married Abby Jane Brewster.
993. *Persis Cook Geer*, born 12 September 1816; died 3 January 1873; married 2 April 1840 Henry H., son of Sanford and Caroline (Tracy) Cary, of Scotland, Conn., born 2 July 1814. Two daughters (Cary): (1) Caroline Tracy, born 10 March 1845; (2) Eliza Jane, born 16 July 1849.

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JONATHAN GEER was born 8 March 1776; died ——; married 1 January 1797 Pamelia Abbe, of Windham, Conn.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

994. *Meribah Geer*, born in 1797; died in July 1805.
995. *Joseph Geer*, born 4 July 1800; died about 1821; married Jane Churchill. Three children.
996. *Jonathan Geer*, born about 1801.

997. *Maria Geer*, born in 1803; died in August 1805.
There were also two sons, *William* and *Decatur*, of whom we have no record. (See Abbe Genealogy.)

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JOSEPH GEER was born 22 July 1778; died ——; married 16 February 1800 Hannah Kimball, of Preston, Conn., who was born 22 April 1778.

Lived in Canterbury, Conn.

Children: 5 daughters:

998. *Samantha Geer*, born 18 December 1800.
999. *Fanny Geer*, born 26 February 1802.
1000. *Orra Geer*, born 1 February 1804.
1001. *Maria Geer*.
1002. *Mary Geer*.

431

ANNA GEER was born 19 October 1780; died 28 April 1810; married in Preston 13 June 1802 Elihu, son of Richard Hakes. He was born in Stonington in 1779; died 20 April 1834.

He was a farmer and lived in North Stonington.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Elihu Hakes*, born 13 August 1803; died in 1884; married Mary Leeds.
(2) *Richard Hakes*, born 2 March 1806; died in 1868; married Zerviah Fanning.
(3) *Anna Hakes*, born 1 May 1808; died in 1856; married in 1829 Henry Fanning.
(4) *Abby Park Hakes*, born 8 April 1810; died 15 September 1837; married in 1830 Thomas Safford.

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ABIGAIL ("NABBY") GEER was born in Stonington 30 November 1791; died in Gilbertsville, N. Y., ——; married 29 November 1810 Elihu Hakes, after the death of her sister Anna (431).

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Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Thomas G. Hakes*, born 19 September 1812; died after 1880; married (1) 22 February 1838 Nancy M. Frye; married (2) in 1879 Evelyn Gardner.

(2) *Phoebe Hakes*, born 20 April 1815; died 8 October 1891; married (1) in 1835 James Rogers; married (2) Alexander Rogers.

(3) *Henry Babcock Hakes*, born in Preston 20 July 1817; died in Worcester, Mass., 26 December 1884; married 6 January 1841 Anna Williams Woodward, born in Preston 26 March 1820. Seven children. A daughter, Gertrude Hakes, born in Worcester, Mass., 15 March 1855; married (1) 20 June 1894 Frank A. Roath, of Norwich, Conn., who died 5 August 1905; married (2) 23 June 1913 Colonel Charles W. Gale, cashier of the Thames National Bank, Norwich. He was born in Norwich 1 July 1846.

(4) *John Morgan Hakes*, born 19 September 1822; died 27 March 1853; married Sarah Millard.

(5) *Cynthia Louise Hakes*, born 21 September 1824; died 1849.

434

Samuel Epaphras Gear was born 17 March 1779; died 28 January 1812; married in April 1803 Mary Wells, born about 1784; died 10 September 1833.

He received a college education; was a man of great literary tastes; was a lover of music, playing the violin and flute exquisitely.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1003. *Samuel Wells Gear*, born in 1804; died 26 April 1853; married 1 May 1830 Letitia Ann Haines. Four children.

1004. *Mary Warner Gear*, born 12 May 1806; died 22 September 1871; married 6 May 1824 Edwin Cook Howd. Four daughters.

1005. *Harriett Amelia Gear*, born in 1809; died in 1844; married in 1830 Thomas Parker Strong. Four children.

437

Samuel Gear was born in Middletown, Conn., 15 January 1784; died there 7 February 1835; married

there 25 September 1805 Submit Hale, born 16 July 1784; died 25 December 1852.

Children: 6, 5 sons and 1 daughter:

1006. *Hezekiah H. Gear*, born 20 June 1806.
1007. *Anna Gear*, born 2 May 1808; married (1) Gilbert Skinner; (2) Russell Dickinson. Two daughters (both deceased).
+ 1008. *George Gear*, born 28 August 1810; died ——; married (1) Elvira P. Bailey; (2) Cornelia A. Bailey; (3) Lucy A. (Morgan) Holmes.
+ 1009. *Samuel Augustus Gear*, born 28 January 1813; died 9 October 1860; married Delia A. Norton.
1010. *Charles Gear*, born 22 April 1816; died ——.
1011. *Edmond Gear*, born 4 March 1825; died ——.

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Esther Gear was born in Middletown, Conn., 12 October 1786; died there ——; married Robert Johnson.

He came from England to Massachusetts as a boy of 12 years with his father. He was a selectman, bank director, captain of the militia, manufacturer of arms for the government, but his greatest achievement, in the words of one of his daughters, was "raising up 55 feet of girls."

Children: 13, 2 sons and 11 daughters:

(1) *Robert Johnson*, married and had three children.
(2) *Abby Johnson*, married William Dabney; one daughter.
(3) *Thomas Johnson*, never married.
(4) *Mary Johnson*, married Dr. Parkhurst; one daughter.
(5) *Julia Johnson*, married William Fisher. No children.
(6) *Esther Johnson*, married Frederick Treadway. Five children. Lived in Hartford.
(7) *Harriet Johnson*, married —— Merrifield. Three sons. Lived in California.
(8) *Emily Johnson*, married B. T. Jessup. Four children.
(9) *Hannah Johnson*, married I. F. Bound. Two sons.
(10) *Eliza Johnson*, married Gideon Palmer. Five children.
(11) *Sarah Johnson*, married S. Chase of Brooklyn. Four daughters.

(12) *Amelia Johnson*, married John Bailey. No children.
(13) *Augusta Johnson*, married Lebeus Chapman, a New York lawyer; one daughter.

(NOTE:—The children were all born between 1808 and 1825.)

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HIRAM GEAR was born in Middletown, Conn., 6 May 1804; died in Marietta, Ohio, 20 February 1843; married in Middletown 29 September 1832 Jerusha Sage, born in Middletown 5 August 1806. She was a daughter of Deacon Rufus Sage, of Cromwell, and sister of Martha and Frances Sage, who both married Abial Sherman Gear (447). He was a Baptist minister.

Children, all born in Marietta: 6, 3 sons and 3 daughters:

1012. *Jerusha Ann Gear*, born 14 October 1833; married 25 May 1855 G. W. Ewart. Six children.
1013. *Mary Darrow Gear*, born 23 August 1838; died 17 July 1865.
1014. *Martha Olive Gear*, born 8 December 1839; died 17 August 1840.
+ 1015. *George Rufus Gear*, born 1 December 1840; married Julia Barnes.
1016. *Hiram Judson Gear*, born 14 November 1841; died young.
+ 1017. *Hiram Lewis Gear*, born 1 December 1842; died about 1919; married Cornelia Van Clief.

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ABIAL SHERMAN GEAR was born in Middletown, Conn., 12 August 1806; died September 1875; married (1) Martha Sage of Cromwell, Conn.; (2) Frances Sage; (3) Hannah Selina Barker.

Child: 1 son.

+ 1018. *Henry Sage Geer*, born 17 October 1831; died 17 January 1863; married Martha A. Chambers.

450

HEZEKIAH H. GEAR was born in Middletown, Conn., 17 December 1791; died in Okohoma, Iowa, in the summer of 1878; married (1) in 1817, in Manlius, N. Y.,

Charlotte Clark; (2) in Geneva, N. Y., Mrs. Deborah Rose, who died in 1850; (3) in 1853 Francenia Trego.

In 1819 he located in Alton, Ill., where he carried on a tanning business for eight years. He then moved to Galena, and took up a lead mining claim about seven miles from that city. He took a prominent part in the Black Hawk War, in which he was captain of a company of volunteer militia. After the war he discovered the most valuable lode ever worked in the lead regions of Illinois and became one of the most wealthy men in the Northwest. In 1847 he was elected to the State Senate and at one time held the commission of Major General of Militia in Illinois. He was one of the original projectors of the Illinois Central Railway.

Children by first wife: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

1019. *Charlotte Maria Gear*, married Captain G. W. Girdon.

1020. *Alexander Hamilton Gear*. Lived at Tete des Morts, Ill.

1021. *John Clark Gear*. Lived and died in California.

1022. *Clarissa Emily Gear*, married J. C. H. Hobbs. Lived in Greenville, Ill.

1023. *William Orrin Gear*. Lived in Galena and later at Gordon's Ferry, Jackson County, Iowa.

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Ezekiel Gilbert Gear was born in Middletown, Conn., 13 September 1793; died October 1877; married (1), in Chesterfield, N. H., 22 March 1819, Miranda Cook; married (2) 16 May 1829 Mary Tardley Howe.

He was a chaplain in the United States Army.

Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1024. *Mary Elizabeth Gear*, born 5 January 1820; died in 1875; married (1) 4 September 1839 Lieut. Samuel Whitehorn, U.S.A.; married (2) 12 November 1851 Lieut. Thomas Castor, U.S.A.

1025. *Margaret Ann Gear*, born 10 April 1822; died 24 March 1852; married 25 May 1842 Lieut. Stephen D. Carpenter.

+ 1026. *John Henry Gear*, born 7 April 1825; died 14 July 1900; married Harriet S. Foot.

Children by second wife: 8, 3 sons and 5 daughters:

1027. *Thomas Rudd Gear*, born 6 April 1830; died 3 February 1839.

1028. *Edmond Theodore Gear*, born 21 November 1831; died 23 May 1835.

1029. *Sarah Eliza Gear*, born 20 June 1834; died 20 July 1837.

1030. *Angelica Rose Gear*, born 23 February 1837; died 11 September 1880; married A. E. Latimer, U.S.A.

1031. *Emilie Louisa Gear*, born 2 March 1841; died 24 April 1909.

1032. *Reginald Heber Gear*, born 10 May 1844; died 17 December 1848.

+ 1033. *Gertrude Irene Gear*, born 9 July 1849; married John J. Stubbs.

1034. *Grace Bertha Gear*, born 2 October 1852; died 10 June 1909.

467

SILSBY GERE was born in Preston, Conn., 18 May 1767; died 14 March 1852; married 18 February 1788 Jane McCray, born in North Bolton, Conn., 4 October 1767; died 21 January 1854.

Children: 10, 6 sons and 4 daughters:

1035. *Pamelia Gere*, born in Preston 17 June 1789; died 18 September 1876.

1036. *Stoddard Elsworth Gere*, born in Preston 11 August 1791; died 2 December 1823.

1037. *Levi Gere*, born in Norwich, Mass., 29 September 1794; died 24 December 1855; married a Mrs. Owen. Lived in Texas.

1038. *Eleazer Wheelock Gere*, born in Chester, Mass., 7 December 1796; died 9 June 1877; married Polly Brown. Nine children. Lived in Iowa.

+ 1039. *John Avery Gere*, born 8 April 1799; died 3 June 1874; married Sarah Neal.

+ 1040. *Horatio Nelson Gere*, born 2 April 1802; died 3 November 1862; married Julia Delay Grant.

1041. *Frances Forbes Gere* (twin), born in Norwich, Mass., 22 March 1805; died 3 September 1888; married 25 December 1828 Jesse C. Grant.

1042. *Rosamond Forbes Gere* (twin), born in Norwich 22 March 1805; married James Reynolds.

1043. *Lydia Allen Gere*, born in Norwich 24 August 1807; died ——; married 28 October 1829 Gideon B. Minor, born in Watertown, Conn., 25 May 1800; died in Binghampton 10 January 1876. One daughter: Jane Eliza Minor, born 21 September 1839; married 10 February 1864 James H. Barnes. One son: James Edward Barnes, born 2 January 1870.

There was also a son, *Isaac Gere*, born 21 July 1810; died young.

475

STEPHEN GEER was born 22 June 1785; died 17 December 1840; married 21 February 1808 Zeruiah Fuller, born 30 July 1789; died 1 April 1839.

Children: One son (and others):

+ 1044. *Amos Woodward Geer*, born 28 October 1821; died 5 October 1884; married Catherine Jones. (For other sons, see Additional Information.)

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JOHN RAYMOND GEER was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., 18 November 1791; died in Syracuse 11 May 1866; married in 1810 Ann Potter, born in 1794; died 14 September 1864.

He was a carpenter. Lived in Syracuse.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

1045. *John Raymond Geer*, born 10 May 1812; died 27 December 1877; married 16 July 1835 Rebecca Whitney. Three daughters.

1046. *William Henry Harrison Geer*, born 25 July 1814; died ——; married in September 1849 Isabel Pierson. Three sons.

1047. *Susan Ann Geer*, born ——; died ——; married William Courtney.

1048. *David Shipley Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Mary Hill.

1049. *Samuel Potter Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Phoebe Gardner.

1050. *Laura Eliza Geer*, born 19 April 1822; died ——; married 12 February 1839 Chester H. Whitney. Six children.

487

SILAS GEER was born in North Stonington 11 November 1812; died ——; married 27 November 1837 Lyda Beckwith, born in Waterford 25 July 1819.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1051. *Betsey Eliza Geer*, born 1 November 1838; married 2 July 1855 Nelson Mason Pierce. Two children.
1052. *Emma Melissa Geer*, born 7 August 1840; died 11 February 1860; married 18 April 1858 Ephraim Rogers Brooks. One child.
1053. *David Henry Geer*, born 20 June 1844; married 10 May 1868 Jennie A. Peabody. Two children. He enlisted February 1862 in Co. I, 13th Conn. Vol. Wounded at the battle of Winchester in September 1864 and discharged 25 February 1865.
1054. *Alba Silas Geer*, born 1 September 1856; married 20 August 1876 Mary Hempstead. No children.

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DAVID LARKIN GEER was born 2 November 1819; died ——; married (1) 20 October 1844 Ann Elizabeth Jeffers, born 10 January 1825; died 28 May 1852; married (2) Lucy L. Keller, born 4 October 1824.

Children who lived to maturity: 9, 5 sons and 4 daughters:

1055. *Eliza Frances Geer*, born 2 February 1847; married 29 November 1868 George S. White.
1056. *Maria Elizabeth Geer*, born 22 April 1849; married 1 March 1874 Warren Whitcomb.
1057. *Edwin Augustus Geer*, born 7 April 1851; died 14 February 1867.
1058. *Henry Franklin Geer*, born 24 November 1852; married 24 December 1874 Cora E. Dunn.
1059. *James Haskell Geer* (twin), born 10 March 1856.
1060. *George Larkin Geer*, born 25 May 1857.
1061. *William Herbert Geer*, born 20 October 1859; died 27 September 1874.
1062. *Adella M. Geer*, born 19 October 1862.
1063. *Carrie Ellen Geer*, born 6 December 1864.

There were also four children who died young: *Mary Emily*, *Mary Rose*, *Charles* (twin), and *Eva Jane*.

490

HENRY CAMPBELL GEER was born 18 May 1826; died 16 June 1863; married (1) 14 August 1848 Emily M. Maine, born in 1828; died 16 June 1853; married (2) 30 May 1854 Mary Ann Geer, born in 1823 (505).

Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1064. *Frances Emily Geer*, born 14 March 1850.
1065. *Mary Lydia Geer*, born 12 June 1851; married 10 January 1874 Horace Franklin Brown.
1066. *David Silas Geer*, born 1 February 1853.

Children by second wife: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1067. *Calvin Oscar Geer*, born 7 January 1860.
1068. *Frank Douglas Geer*, born 15 July 1861.

There were two children who died young: *Henry Kinney* and *Hattie Josephine*.

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EZRA PALMER GEER was born in Stonington, Conn., 6 June 1807; died after 1878; married 20 March 1830 Fanny Maria Reynolds, born 27 June 1814.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1069. *Susan Maria Geer*, born 25 January 1837; married 25 November 1855 George M. Davis. Seven children.
1070. *Elisha Palmer Geer*, born 14 December 1839; married 20 March 1867 Elizabeth Ray. Five children.
1071. *Lucy A. Geer*, born 14 June 1845; died 6 November 1866.

There was also a son, *Thomas S. Geer*, who died young.

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HEMAN GEER was born on Geer Mountan near Richmond, Vermont, 20 October 1818; died in Tabor, Iowa, 25 January 1892; married in Avon, Ohio, 12 January 1844 Lydia Messenger Williams, born in Avon, Ohio, 19 August 1822.

He graduated at Oberlin Theological Seminary, A.B. 1848; A.M. 1865. In 1888 he retired and settled in

Tabor, Iowa, having held numerous pastorates in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Iowa.

Children: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters:

1072. *Anna Augusta Geer*, born in Oberlin, Ohio, 12 May 1845; married there in 1868 Charles Hewins. Two daughters (Hewins): (1) Branch; (2) Pearl, married Langan, and has one son, Raymond. She lives in Hartford, Conn.

+ 1073. *Ezra Benoni Geer*, born 28 January 1847; married Lucy Jane Spees.

+ 1074. *Francis Heman Geer*, born 18 December 1848; married (1) Alice Howard; (2) Mrs. Mary H. Ellis.

1075. *Julia Ann Dolly Geer*, born in Pierpont, Ohio, 16 March 1851; married 12 February 1869 George Kilpatrick. Address: 440 Landers Bldg., Springfield, Missouri. One son (Kilpatrick): Ernest Heman, born 6 December 1869; married in 1904 Grace Jones and has a son, Ernest William, born 11 July 1905.

1076. *Harriet Eliza Geer*, born in West Andover, Ohio, 17 June 1857; married in 1880 Ephraim Gould Brady. Residence: University Place, Nebraska.

Children: 6, 3 sons and 3 daughters:

(1) Lydia Mary Brady, born 11 February 1881; married September 1918 L. B. Denton.

(2) George Irwin Brady, born 4 January 1883; died 2 August 1885.

(3) Julia Alice Brady, born 12 November 1885.

(4) Heman Geer Brady, born 31 July 1888.

(5) Anna Grace Brady, born 3 February 1897; married 29 March 1918 Lewis E. Redding.

(6) Raymond Gould Brady, born 12 May 1899; married 25 September 1920 Julia C. DeVriendt.

1077. Lydia Mary Geer, born in Wayne, Ohio, 18 October 1863; unmarried. She graduated Tabor College (Iowa) B.L. Teacher, and later milliner. Lives in Claremont, California.

533

JOHN JAMES GEER was born in Rockbridge County, Va., 1 June 1833; died in Springfield, Ohio, 23 August 1867; married in Ohio 30 August 1855 Sallie A. Smith, born 25 January 1836.

For a number of years before the outbreak of the Civil War he was a Methodist minister in Cincinnati. He then enlisted in the 48th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served first as lieutenant and then as chaplain. He was captured in April 1862 and imprisoned for a number of months in Andersonville. He was the author of *Beyond the Lines, or a Yankee Prisoner Loose in Dixie.*

Children: 4 sons:

1078. *David Smith Geer,* born 29 August 1856.
1079. *John William Geer,* born 8 October 1858.
1080. *Charles Edward Geer,* born 19 August 1860.
1081. *James Burton Geer,* born 29 October 1867.

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Mary Parker Geer was born in Peru, Mass., 29 March 1806; died 25 September 1840; married Caleb Judson, son of Caleb and Martha (Fletcher) Chaffee, born 22 October 1804; died in Lexington, Mo., in 1861.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Mary M. Chaffee,* born 10 September 1828; died in 1829.
(2) *Henry Calvin Chaffee,* born 23 September 1831; killed at Petersburg, Va., in 1863.
(3) *Calvin Geer Chaffee,* born 15 March 1834.

543

Alpheus Addison Geer was born in Peru, Mass., 23 April 1824; died in Dalton, Mass., 20 July 1887; married in Hinsdale, Mass., 30 March 1847, Rebecca Warren, born in Windsor, Mass., 16 October 1820.

Children: 3 daughters:

+ 1082. *Alce Maria Geer,* born 17 March 1851; married John A. Dickson.
+ 1083. *Ellen Francease Geer,* born 5 November 1854; married William J. Cross.
1084. *Myra Isabel Geer,* born 29 February 1860; married Elwin W. Geer (1091).

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ROYAL DWIGHT GEER was born in Peru, Mass., 19 July 1826; died in 1893; married 4 May 1856 Lydia Jane Stowell, born in Peru 9 October 1834.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1085. *Emma Jane Geer*, born 21 October 1856.
1086. *Willis Dwight Geer*, born 3 November 1858.
1087. *Vara Vanila Geer*, born 24 January 1861.

There were also two children who died young: *Frank Royal* and *Lilian Maria.*

546

SHERMAN GEER was born 24 April 1812; died 18 April 1857; married (1) 3 December 1835 Polly Judd Geer (540); (2) 12 December 1848 Malvina Wing.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1088. *Clayton Geer*, born in Peru, Mass., 17 November 1836.
1089. *Myron Geer*, born about 1840; married in Pittsfield, Mass., 20 March 1861, Cornelia E. Lincoln, daughter of Ira Lincoln. She was born in 1844.
1090. *Cordelia Geer*, died young.
+ 1091. *Elwin Geer*, born 28 October 1849; married Myra I. Geer.

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WARREN LUTHER GEER was born in Peru, Mass., 28 October 1814; died 14 September 1863; married 14 June 1846 Esther A. Judd, born in 1819; died 31 March 1853.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1092. *Seymour Geer* (1), born in July 1844; died 11 November 1852.
1093. *Sarah Geer.*
1094. *Lyman Geer.* Lives in Jackson, Mich. (R.F.D. 4).
1095. *Seymour Geer* (2), born 7 March 1852. He was a merchant in Pittsfield, Mass.

550

AUSTIN GEER was born 18 October 1821; died ——; married 9 October 1849 Lucy Ann, daughter of Stafford and Olive (Abbey) Osgood, born 27 December 1824. (See Abbe Genealogy.)

They lived in Worthington, Mass.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1096. *Ann Jane Geer*, born 13 August 1850.
1097. *Millard Henry Geer*, born 4 April 1852; died 24 March 1854.
1098. *Charles Preston Geer*, born 3 August 1856.
1099. *Addie Frances Geer*, died young.

555

WILLIAM MATHIAS GEER was born in Chester, 2 July 1812; died in Becket, Mass., 5 December 1894; married (1) 15 March 1834 Charlotte Crosier, born 6 November 1811; died 13 March 1887; married (2) Lydia Taylor.

Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

+ 1100. *Emerson Geer*, born 6 April 1835; died 13 November 1886; married Mary F. Cushman.
1101. *Sarah Ann Geer*, born 1 September 1836; died 23 February 1909; married Rufus Ames, born 8 May 1832; died 23 May 1895. One daughter (Ames): Lucy J., born 6 January 1859; died 17 November 1914.
+ 1102. *Adaline Geer*, born 11 December 1841; died 4 May 1908; married Charles J. Alderman.

556

DAVID HOLLAND GEER was born 9 March 1815; died ——; married 16 June 1846 Emily Lucretia Holbrook, born 9 June 1825.

He was a merchant; lived and died in Boston.

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

1103. *Belle Geer*, born 9 March 1848; married Charles D. Walcott.
1104. *Charles Geer*, born 29 October 1849; died 26 July 1864.

1105. *Grace M. Geer*, born 31 December 1857; died 29 March 1873.
1106. *Arthur C. Geer*, born 27 August 1862.
1107. *Inez L. Geer*, born 4 July 1865; married J. A. E. Stewart. Resides 172 Watchung Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.
1108. *William A. Geer*, born 2 October 1868; died ——.
1109. *Murray C. Geer*, born 18 May 1871; died ——.

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Betsey Samantha Geer was born in Middlefield, Mass., 21 December 1817; died in Washington, Mass., 18 December 1869; married there 1 April 1840 Charles Crosier, born in Cheshire 29 February 1816.

Children: 8, 3 sons and 5 daughters:

(1) *Polly Maria Crosier*, born 26 September 1841; died 26 February 1907; married John Kelley.
(2) *Jane Diantha Crosier*, born 26 February 1844; married 21 February 1865 William Henry Snow, born 27 October 1840. Lives in Becket, Mass. Three children (Snow): (a) Charles Seth, born 21 August 1866; (b) Orianna Eunice, born 8 August 1874; married Molineux; (c) Herbert Emery, born 26 October 1877. He is a dentist.
(3) *Charles Emery Crosier*, born 3 April 1846; married 15 December 1864 Eva Johnson.
(4) *George Wesley Crosier*, born 11 October 1848; died young.
(5) *William Jarvis Crosier*, born 4 July 1851; married 29 May 1880 Mary Hannah Best. Lives in Mittineague, Mass.
(6) *Frances Edelphine Crosier*, born 26 September 1854.
(7) *Adelaide Isabel Crosier* (twin), born 12 March 1857; married 10 June 1885 George Messenger.
(8) *Addie Arabella Crosier* (twin), born 12 March 1857; died young.

558

Calvin Geer was born 22 June 1820; died 30 September 1893; married 2 January 1848 Almira Hamilton, born 13 April 1826; died 7 November 1874.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1110. *Ida Isabelle Geer*, born 21 May 1850; married Scott Pomeroy. Four children.

+ 1111. *Francis Emory Geer* (twin), born 24 January 1852; married Nettie E. Remington.

1112. *Emma Frances Geer* (twin), born 24 January 1852; married in 1876 Eugene A. Johnson. No issue.

+ 1113. *George Wesley Geer*, born 12 January 1863; married Mary Eno Witt.

559

SAMUEL JARVIS GEER was born —— 1823; died 13 September 1886; married Jane Sophia Cross, born —— 1838.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1114. *Samuel Geer*, born 9 January 1852; died 27 April 1903.

1115. *Kate Geer*, born ——.

560

JOHN WESLEY GEER was born 20 July 1827; died 4 August 1862; married Eliza Ames.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1116. *John Wesley Geer*, born 8 April 1853; died 20 December 1881.

1117. *Florence E. Geer*, born 23 August 1855; died 3 August 1863.

1118. *Milton R. Geer*, born 17 March 1858; died 11 September 1858.

1119. *Nellie E. Geer*, born 5 August 1862; died 20 February 1921.

561

WILLARD FRANKLIN GEER was born in Washington, Mass., 8 November 1835; died in Becket, Mass., 15 November 1912; married 5 September 1859 Mary E. Morey, who was born in Norfolk, Conn., 7 October 1840; died in Becket 22 March 1901.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

+ 1120. *Alice Lorella Geer*, born 6 September 1860; married Frank A. Mecum.

1121. *Willis Frank Geer*, born 20 January 1862; married 9 April 1885 Mary Monahan. No issue. Resides 710 East 134th St., New York City.

+ 1122. *Carrie Bell Geer*, born 19 July 1863; married Thomas Smithies.

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SARAH JANE GEER was born ——; died ——; married O. B. Hull.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *F. E. Hull*, born in Bakersville, Conn., 21 February 1871; married in Saranac Lake, New York, 26 June 1911, Caroline Hinkley Garfield, born in England 23 April 1875. One son: Frederick Hinkley Hull, born 22 November 1913. Residence: 450 East Hardy St., Englewood, Cal.

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JEWETT HOLLAND GEER was born in Peru, Mass., 13 May 1831; died ——; married in Hinsdale, Mass., 29 June 1854, Mary C., daughter of Elias Goldthwait, who was born in Dalton, Mass., 8 March 1834.

He was a farmer, and also engaged in the lumber business. For many years he was deacon of the Congregational Church; school trustee; and Justice of the Peace.

In the 1914 Genealogy is reproduced a view of a valley in the Berkshire Hills, showing the old homestead in the south part of Peru, Mass., of John Geer. His sons, Peter and Ira Geer, his grandson, Jewett Holland Geer, and his great-grandsons, Ira Jewett and Sumner C. Geer, were all born and brought up there. The view is looking north over the valley, most of which was occupied, owned and farmed by John Geer and his direct descendants for over 130 years. Beyond the farm buildings is the sugar-maple grove of venerable trees of three to four feet and over in diameter. The main highway from Pittsfield and Hinsdale runs east between the house and maple-grove to Middlefield and Chester. The roads, lanes and fields are bordered by miles of old stone walls and fences. The brooks, upper tributaries of the Westfield River, converging southward, were once well filled with brook trout. Deer, under protection of recent game laws, now roam over the hills as in the early days.

Children: 4 sons:

+ 1123. *Ira Jewett Geer*, born 29 May 1858; married Clara Judd Goudy.

1124. *Lincoln E. Geer*, born 16 April 1862; died in February 1902; married ——. Four children: *Ira*, *Edna*, *Leila* and *Vera*.

1125. *Sumner C. Geer*, born 27 May 1869; married Minnie Randell. Two children: *Esther* and *Holland*.

1126. *Charles H. Geer*, born 27 January 1877; died 6 March 1881.

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MARY JANE GEER was born 2 October 1816; died 6 January 1893; married 24 December 1842 Nathan Samuel Gilbert, born 16 July 1815; died 11 December 1910.

Children: 2 sons:

(1) *Samuel Alpheus Gilbert*, born 13 April 1847; married 29 April 1874 Susan Helen Andrews, born 18 December 1847; died 31 May 1918. Child: 1 son: Walter Edwin Gilbert, born 9 June 1878; married 6 October 1906 Alice Louise Congdon. Two children (Gilbert): Donald Alpheus, born 27 April 1907; Esther, born 5 November 1912.

(2) *Nathan Goodspeed Gilbert*, born 24 February 1850; died 24 May 1916; married 23 June 1875 Jessie Adelia Bishop, who died 31 May 1918.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(a) Helen Stowell Gilbert, born 8 June 1878; married 13 April 1901 John Leighton Mitchell. Three children (Mitchell): John Gilbert, born 30 March 1905; Barbara, born 21 April 1908; Albert Gibbs, born 30 June 1909.

(b) Frederick Stowell Gilbert, born 10 June 1883.

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GEORGE JARVIS GEER was born in Waterbury, Conn., 24 February 1821; died in New York 16 March 1885; married 9 December 1845 Isabelle, daughter of William Montague. She was born in Hartford 5 December 1823; died in New York 25 December 1905.

GILBERT GEER

Geo. Jamison Lees

He graduated at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1842, and at the Episcopal General Theological Seminary, New York, in 1845. He was made deacon in 1845, in Christ Church, Hartford, by Bishop Brownell of Connecticut, and priest in 1846, at Christ Church, Ballston Spa, by Bishop DeLancy; and he discharged the duties of a very efficient rectorship in that parish for seven years. He became associate rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, New York, in 1859, and rector of St. Timothy's, New York, in 1866, which charge he held until his death. He received the degree of S.T.D. from Columbia, and that of D.D. from Union in 1862. Dr. Geer was conspicuous for his interest in the music of the church. He composed a number of hymns. Several of them appear in the church hymnals, and are still sung in the services. By appointment of the Bishop, with the Reverend Dr. Muhlenburg and Bishop Bedell, he edited the Tune Book, which was, for many years, used in most of the Episcopal churches in New York City, and throughout the country. He was a delegate to the General Convention from the Diocese of New York when it met in New York City in 1874.

Children (the first three born in Ballston, the others in New York City): 11, 7 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 1127. *George Jarvis Geer*, born 25 October 1846; married Louise Goodman.

+ 1128. *William Montague Geer*, born 9 April 1848; married Katharine Gridley Throop.

+ 1129. *Herbert Marshall Geer*, born 6 September 1850; died 24 August 1906; married Ella Simonds.

1130. *Isabella Montague Geer*, born 24 July 1852; died 14 July 1853.

1131. *Gertrude Elizabeth Geer*, born 14 October 1854. Lives at 407 East 58th St., New York City.

+ 1132. *Sarah Grace Geer*, born 3 August 1856; married Doctor Lewis A. Coffin.

1133. *Charles Alpheus Geer*, died young.

1134. *Robert Theodore Geer*, born 1 June 1859; died 27 January 1913; married Sarah Fields, who died 24 March 1914.

1135. *Mary Geer*, born 10 October 1860; died 6 January 1862.

+ 1136. *Alpheus Geer*, born 4 February 1863; married Florence M. Smith.

1137. *Douglas Geer*, born 21 April 1865; died 16 November 1899.

586

NATHANIEL GEER was born in Kent, Conn., in 1820; died in 1891 in Grand Island, Neb.; married Eliza M. Clark, who died 31 March 1874.

Children: 10, 3 sons and 7 daughters:

1138. *Harriet D. Geer*, born ——; married Samuel Patterson. Seven children.

1139. *Mary E. Geer*, born ——; married Henry D. Slater. Four children (all deceased).

1140. *Martha L. Geer*, born ——; married David Mollison. No issue.

1141. *Russell Geer*, born 1854; never married. Mason. Life member Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross. Residence 450 West 37th Street, New York City.

+ 1142. *Lewis T. Geer*, born ——; married Anna Merton.

1143. *Kathryn Geer*, born ——; married Royal H. King. Three children (King): Clyde, married Louise Phillips, no issue; Eva Rae, married William Newman, no issue; Russell, never married.

1144. *Sylvia Geer*, born ——; married 28 July 1886 G. R. Hill, who died 18 March 1921. Five children.

1145. *Rufus Geer*, born ——; died young.

There were also two daughters who died young, *Katie* and *Carrie*.

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LUCY GEER was born 17 June 1807; died 11 June 1855; married Orra Frost, born 12 August 1797; died 30 January 1881. They lived and died in Omar, New York.

Children: 11, 6 sons and 5 daughters:

(1) *James Frost*, born 16 October 1824; died in 1886.

(2) *Mary Ann Frost*, born 30 March 1826; died in 1896.

(3) *Abigail Frost*, born 28 December 1827.

(4) *Huldah Frost*, born 2 October 1829; died 4 August 1860.

(5) *John T. Frost*, born 29 August 1831.

(6) *George Frost*, born 3 August 1834; died 19 May 1841.
(7) *Abial Frost*, born 14 August 1836.
(8) *Elizabeth Frost*, born 8 November 1838; married Daniel C. Hawn, and had five children (Hawn): (a) Lucy; (b) Orra; (c) Charles; (d) Clinton; (e) Elizabeth. Orra and Charles Hawn are lumber merchants, and Clinton a physician, at Albany. Lucy, who married a Mather, is now a widow, and with her sister Libby (unmarried) has lived with her uncle Erastus (11) in Albany.
(9) *Lucy Jane Frost*, born 31 January 1841; died 17 July 1843.
(10) *William Frost*, born 13 June 1843.
(11) *Erastus Frost*, born 19 October 1845; died 18 September 1923.

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Washington Geer was born in Warrensburg, New York, 28 October 1806; died ——; married in Westmoreland County, Pa., 1 January 1828, Phebe Wilkinson, born in Preston, Conn., 30 August 1804; died in Westmoreland County, Pa., 5 April 1872.

He removed from New York State to Indiana County, Penn., in 1818 or 1819. Lived at Blairsville. Was Justice of the Peace for the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, for 24 years.

Child: 1 son:

1146. *Bishop Westley Geer*, born 13 October 1828; died 5 August 1849.

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Nathan Geer was born in Griswold, Conn., 8 April 1825; died in Sprague, Conn., 30 October 1905; married 3 July 1851 Mary Geer (781), daughter of Samuel (337).

In 1844, after the death of his two cousins from typhus fever, he made his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Vaniah Abell. At their death he bought their farm in the southern part of Sprague; later he added to it the adjoining Thompson farm in the town of Norwich, making a total of 350 acres. He made a specialty of farming and stock raising on a large scale. He and his son were among the most successful agriculturists in their part of the country, highly regarded for their industry and fine character.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1147. *Mary Abby Geer*, born 30 January 1853; died 1 March 1859.

1148. *George Geer*, born 7 May 1858; married 18 April 1907 Grace Elizabeth Parker, daughter of Daniel and Josephine (Rice) Parker. She was born in Pawtucket, R. I., 19 September 1874. No issue. He is a farmer. Residence: Norwichtown, Conn.

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JOSEPH S. GEER was born 9 April 1831; died ——; married Flora, daughter of Nicholas and —— (Maynard) Allyn.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

1149. *Cora Lee Geer*, married; lived in Griswold.

1150. *Joseph Geer*, born 27 September 1886; died 22 April 1906.

1151. *George Geer.*

1152. *Mary Geer.*

1153. *Emma Geer.*

610

HARVEY GEER was born in Brooklyn, Conn., 14 March 1802; died 12 January 1892; married in Lyons, N.Y., 10 October 1826 Angeline Roys, born in Sheffield, Mass., 4 March 1806.

Children: 10, 5 sons and 5 daughters:

1154. *Harriet L. Geer*, born 20 June 1827; died ——; married 23 June 1848 Daniel B. Westfall. Seven children.

+ 1155. *Everard Geer*, born 26 December 1829; died ——; married Sarah F. Goewey.

1156. *Levi R. Geer*, born 16 October 1831; died ——; married 25 August 1870 Emma Wilber.

1157. *Eliza Geer*, born 9 December 1833; died ——; married 4 October 1854 William H. Roys. Three children.

1158. *Henry Geer*, born 28 December 1835; died ——; married 1 December 1868 Hannah Schoonover. Four children. Lived in California.

1159. *Albert Geer*, born 25 February 1838; died ——; married 21 December 1864 Marian E. Dimick. Two sons. Lived in Florida.

1160. *Celestia B. Geer*, born 24 September 1840; died ——; married 3 January 1860 William H. Tollett. One child.

1161. *Harvey Geer*, born 24 July 1843; married 23 October 1867 Helen C. Barrick. Five daughters. He served three years in the Civil War. Lived in Michigan.

1162. *Anna Geer*, born 8 May 1848; married 7 April 1868 Frank L. Dimick. Three children. Lived in Florida.

1163. *Ella Jane Geer*, born 3 February 1852; married 18 January 1871 Elisha Newton Dimick, born 24 April 1849. Two children (Dimick): Belle Geer, born 7 May 1875; Frank Moore, born 30 November 1888. Residence: Palm Beach, Florida.

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HOSEA GEER was born ——; died ——; married —— (1) Martha Prosser, born —— near Albany, New York; died in April 1823 in Hancock County, W. Va.; married (2) Elizabeth ——.

Children by first wife: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 1164. *Asa Geer*, born 8 March 1808; died ——; married Frances B. Richards.

1165. *Jonathan Geer*, born ——; died in February 1870 in Parkersburg, Wood County, W. Va.

1166. *Nancy Geer*, born ——; died in April 1857; married Mr. Durbin.

1167. *Matilda Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Mr. Thompson, Glendale, Monroe County, Wisconsin.

1168. *Phoebe Ann Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Mr. Cutter, Glendale, Monroe County, Wisconsin.

Children by second wife: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

1169. *Reason Geer*, born ——; died ——. Lived in Table Grove, Fulton County, Ill.

1170. *Albert Geer*, born ——; died ——. Lived in Vermont, Fulton County, Ill.

1171. *Amanda Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Mr. Vaughn. Lived in Vermont, Fulton County, Ill.

1172. *Orange Owens Geer*, born ——; died ——. Lived in Oak Run, Hancock County, W. Va.

1173. *Benjamin Geer*, born ——; died ——. Lived in Oak Run, Hancock County, W. Va.

1174. *Charles Allison Geer*, born 18 October 1835; died ——; married Cinderella Crawford. Six children. Lived in Port Homer, Jefferson County, Ohio.

1175. *Margaret Geer*, born ——; died ——; married Mr. Troup. Lived in Port Homer, Jefferson County, Ohio.

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JOHN GEER was born near Montrose, Pa., 8 March 1790; died 9 March 1881; married in Warren, Pa., Charity Buckalaw, born near Seneca, N. Y., 15 July 1797; died in Warren County, Pa., 10 February 1834.

Children: 7, 3 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 1176. *Lewis Robinson Geer*, born 25 February 1818; died 21 July 1887; married (1) Nancy Nesmith; (2) Lura Ann Cogswell.

1177. *Mary Olive Geer*, born 10 November 1819; died ——; married in 1840 Stephen Edget.

1178. *Anna Elmira Geer*, born 12 December 1821; died ——; married in 1841 James P. Conroe.

1179. *John Harris Geer*, born 20 March 1823; died in 1865; married in 1846 Delia Magee.

1180. *Martha Ann Geer*, born 8 July 1824; died in 1870; married in 1848 Hiram Stoddard.

1181. *Randall Evans Geer*, born 14 May 1830; died ——; married 5 May 1861 Henrietta Earl. Eight children.

1182. *Sarah Jane Geer*, born in April 1832; died ——; married in 1850 William Goodhard.

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HEBER GEER was born on the Delaware River in Pennsylvania in 1800; died in 1863; married in 1825 Elizabeth Maxwell.

Lived at Oak Run, W. Va.

Children: 1 son and perhaps others:

1183. *Harrison Geer*, born in Berk County, Va., 30 September 1827; died ——; married 25 March 1849 Maria M. Weeks, born 23 October 1829. Five children.

639

Benjamin Geer was born 15 March 1806; died in Warren County, Pa., 5 May 1866; married (1) 5 November 1835 Narcissa Stebbins, born in Oneida County, N. Y., 19 December 1803; died in Warren County, Pa., 19 April 1861; married (2) 1 June 1862 Mrs. Lucrecia Green, born in Norwich, N. Y., 14 March 1820; died in Warren County, Pa., 26 January 1877.

Children by first wife: 2 daughters:

1184. *Irena Annetta Geer*, born 18 May 1837; married 28 January 1863 Walter J. Smith. Four children.

1185. *Sophia Fatima Geer*, born 14 January 1839; died 10 September 1871; married (1) 29 April 1859 Orin S. Dalrymple; died 1 June 1860; married (2) 22 November 1863 Daniel Grunder, by whom she had two daughters.

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Asa Geer was born in Hampton, Conn., 9 June 1791; died in Worcester, Mass., 17 May 1833; married there 5 November 1813 Esther Smith, born in Worcester 19 March 1791; died there 20 December 1876.

He was a stonemason by occupation; was a member of the State Militia.

Children: 5, 1 son and 4 daughters:

1186. *Lucy Hilliard Geer*, born 1 December 1814; died ——; married 30 April 1835 William W. Coes. Two children.

1187. *Betsey Geer*, born 9 June 1816; died ——; married (1) 20 November 1835 Charles H. Nudd; (2) 2 July 1852 P. Brown. One daughter.

+ 1188. *George Geer*, born 28 November 1818; died ——; married (1) Mary E. Brummitt; (2) Henrietta Holmes.

1189. *Sarah Geer*, born 28 October 1821; died ——; married 13 January 1846 Alonzo M. Driscoll. One son.

1190. *Hannah Geer*, born 5 November 1825; died ——; married 10 April 1845 Luke Jones. One daughter.

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CHARLES HIBBARD GEER was born in Worcester, Mass., 22 November 1803; died there 24 May 1845; married there 4 December 1824 Sarah Andrews Williams, born there 2 April 1805; died in Holden, Mass., 17 October 1868.

Children all born in Worcester: 10, 8 sons and 2 daughters:

1191. *Henry Francis Geer*, born 12 April 1826; died 26 February 1875; married 8 October 1848 Mary M. Wood.

1192. *Sarah Josephine Geer*, born 2 May 1827; died 21 March 1862; married 12 June 1849 James E. Marshall.

1193. *Charles Lansing Geer*, born 7 February 1829; died 22 September 1833.

1194. *George Stowell Geer*, born 27 October 1830; died ——; married 31 March 1850 Anna Welch.

1195. *William Francis Geer*, born 27 March 1833; died 3 April 1854.

1196. *Charles Hibbard Geer*, born 29 October 1834; died 4 April 1835.

+ 1197. *John Martin Geer*, born 29 February 1836; died ——; married Eliza Jane Lee.

1198. *Mary Elizabeth Geer*, born 27 April 1837; died 25 April 1838.

1199. *Ebenezer Geer*, born 12 August 1839. Lived in Albany.

1200. *Edward Dunbar Geer*, born 1 December 1843; married and lived in Wisconsin.

653

ASA GERE was born 29 September 1804 in Colebrook, N. H.; died in Urbana, Ill., 20 October 1879; married in Alexander, N. Y., 26 May 1832 Eliza Ann Cady, born in Pendleton, N. Y., 6 October 1813.

He moved from his native town to Randolph, Ver-

mont; later resided in Pembrook, Alexander, and Darwin, N. Y.; Bloomfield and Urbana, Ill. He was in the mercantile business.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1201. *Amanda M. Gere*, born 16 January 1837; married 24 June 1857 Andrew Jackson Allen. No children.

1202. *Myron Stowell Gere*, born 10 December 1839; married Sarah Ann Heller.

1203. *Lena J. Gere*, born 27 June 1853; married 24 June 1872 George A. Lincoln, born 23 January 1846. Two children.

An obituary notice in an Urbana paper states that Asa also left a son, *John Gere*, a drygoods merchant of that city.

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JOHN GERE was born in Randolph, Vermont, 11 February 1811; died ——; married (1) in Darwin, Ill., 27 November 1838 Emily Catron, born in Darwin 4 February 1817; died there 28 March 1846; married (2) Sarah Jane Davis; (3) Mrs. Phebe Jane Dare; (4) Harriet Crissey.

He moved as a child to Genesee, N. Y., and settled about 1837 in Darwin, Ill. Remained there until 1846 and then removed to Urbana, Champaign County. He was a farmer and later a drygoods merchant.

Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1204. *Laura Gere*, born 30 September, died 17 November 1839.

1205. *Elizabeth Ann Gere*, born 22 January, died 16 July 1841.

+ 1206. *George Washington Gere*, born 22 March 1843; died in 1910; married Mary Helen Lee.

Children by second wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1207. *Fayette Gere*, born 20 October 1850.

1208. *Clara Jane Gere*, born 26 December 1854; died 28 November 1857.

Children by third wife: 4 sons:

1209. *James Pulford Gere*, born 1 November 1858.

1210. *William Pulford Gere*, born 1 July 1860; died 11 November 1862.

1211. *Warren Morillo Gere*, born 11 December 1862.
1212. *Frank Mitchel Gere*, born 14 January 1866.

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LYMAN GERE was born 14 September 1813; died in Urbana, Ill., 13 April 1859; married in Darwin 13 December 1838 Lucinda Marvin, born in Syracuse, N. Y., 5 February 1823.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1213. *Maryette Gere*, born 30 March 1840.
1214. *Asa Osias Gere*, born 7 September 1846.
1215. *John Franklin Gere*, born 10 October 1849.

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JAMES S. GERE was born 20 May 1815 in Urbana, Ill.; died 10 April 1858; married 30 November 1837 Elizabeth Biddlecomb, born 17 February 1815; died 22 December 1855.

Children: 7, 2 sons and 5 daughters:

1216. *Emma A. Gere*, born 11 July 1840; married 9 May 1859 Burdette Wright. Six children.
+ 1217. *Warren Benton Gere*, born 28 January 1842; married Jennie Thompson.
1218. *Mary A. Gere*, born 24 August 1844; married 5 August 1863 Newton I. Cooper.
1219. *Olive Laura Gere*, born 19 April 1847; married 22 March 1868 Samuel B. Radebaugh. Five children.
1220. *Alice M. Gere*, born 16 September 1849; married 10 October 1866 George Lochrie. Five children.
1221. *Elizabeth (Nettie) L. Gere*, born 18 December 1852; died 27 December 1872; married 23 February 1871 William Murphey.
1222. *John A. Gere*, born 13 December 1855; died 7 February 1856.

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WILLIAM REMINGTON GEER was born in Oneida County, New York, 10 September 1812; died ——; married in New York State Sally A. Perkins.

He was a grocer and later a farmer. Lived in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1223. *Helen Geer*, married George Anderson.
1224. *Carlyle D. Geer*. Lived in Genesee County, Mich.
1225. *Henry W. Geer*, married Sarah Morgan, Howell, Mich.

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EBEN EZER GEER was born 10 April 1826; died ——; married 8 March 1849 Harriet Ann Pardee, born 15 December 1830.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1226. *Eugene Albert Geer*, born 16 August 1856; married Sarah Ellen Heath.
1227. *Nettie Lillian Geer*, born 11 July 1865.

There was also an infant son born and died March 1850.

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SAMUEL GEER was born 22 July 1799; died ——; married Betsey Wilber, of Norwich, Conn.

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 1228. *George Tisdale Geer*, born 5 September 1822; died ——; married Semantha A. Neff.
1229. *Samuel I. Geer*. Lived in Montville, Conn.
1230. *James Geer*. Drowned about 1875 on coast of Chile.
1231. *Ira Geer*.
1232. *Lucy Geer*. Married Wm. Young, East Lyme, Conn.
1233. *Mary Geer*. Married Gilbert Johnson. Moved West.
1234. *Sarah Geer*. Married Henry Morgan, of Griswold, Conn. Moved West.

688

LUCY GEER was born 5 October 1801; died ——; married John Burdick, of Pomfret, Conn. He was a descendant of Robert Burdick, who settled in Westerly, R. I.

Children: 1 daughter (and others):

(1) *Lucy Tracy Burdick*, born 17 August 1817; died in Providence, R. I., 18 October 1897; married (1) George Jeremiah Jackson of Woodstock, son of Chester and Anne (Lyon) Jackson, who died 13

November 1861; married (2) Horatio Nelson Angell of Providence; and (3) Daniel Dyer, of Davisville, R. I. Child by first husband: (a) Alfred Andrew Jackson, born in Voluntown, Conn., 27 February 1846; married (1) 30 January 1867 Elizabeth C. Hallett, of Providence, R. I.; (2) 3 March 1894 Nettie Snow Leigh, of Newbury, Mass., daughter of Amos Little and Mercy Higgins (Snow) Leigh. Amos L. Leigh was descended from Benjamin Leigh of London, who came to America aboue 1750, and married Marcia, daughter of Peter Henderson Bent, of New York. One child by second wife: (i) Russell Leigh Jackson, born in Providence, R. I., 17 February 1896.

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GEORGE GEER was born in Griswold, Conn., in 1806; died in San Francisco, California, 15 October 1849; married in Thompson, Conn., 28 April 1834, Eliza Sears, born July 1805.

He moved to California in the spring of 1849 and died there six months later.

Children: 6, 5 sons and 1 daughter:

1235. *Lucy A. Geer*, born 5 January 1835; married George H. Locke.

1236. *George L. Geer*, born 18 January 1836; married Betsey A. Stone. During the Civil War he was sergeant in Co. I, 49th Mass. He was a watchmaker by occupation.

1237. *William W. Geer*, born in February 1837; died in Tenn.; married Roseter Whitcomb. During the Civil War he served in the 100th Ill., in Quartermaster's Department. Was a watchmaker by occupation.

1238. *Henry H. Geer*, born 4 November 1840; married Mary E. Wheaton. During the Civil War he was private in Co. B, 18th Conn. Volunteers. He was overseer of a cotton mill.

1239. *Raman J. Geer*, born 6 February 1842; married Julia E. Collins. During the Civil War he was sergeant in Co. K, 7th Conn. Volunteers. Served four years. Was in 32 battles and never wounded.

1240. *Nelson Geer*, born 31 March 1845; married Sarah A. Darling. During the Civil War he was private in Co. K, 18th Conn. Volunteers.

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Asa Geer was born in Sauquoit, New York, 26 May 1826; died in Lebanon, New York, 6 October 1864; married in Sherburne, New York, 25 September 1848, Hannah Diana Barber, born in Hamilton, New York, 5 May 1831.

He was a farmer at Hamilton, Georgetown, and Poolville, New York, 1846–1859; hotel keeper at Lebanon, 1859–64; enlisted 15 January 1864 in Co. B, 24th N. Y. Cavalry; was invalided home and died in Lebanon.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1241. *Albert Laberge Geer*, born 28 December 1849; married Alice I. Hunt.

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Amos Geer was born 10 November 1800; died 20 October 1867; married 11 April 1824 Eunice Morgan, born 28 September 1801; died 27 February 1888.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1242. *Amos M. Geer*, born 2 June 1826; died 6 April 1884; married Melissa R. Pierson.

1243. *Eunice Geer*, born 25 March 1828; died 31 March 1829.

1244. *William Geer*, born 5 May 1830; died 24 January 1859; married 24 March 1857 Mary Ann, daughter of Elias B. and Mary Ann (Gallup) Avery. She was born 20 December 1835. No issue.

1245. *Edwin Geer*, born 20 May 1835; died 12 March 1836.

1246. *Eliza Geer*, born 12 September 1841; died 4 October 1870; married 28 October 1863 Homer C. Allyn, born 12 August 1842. Two children (Allyn): (1) Ruluff William, born 11 September 1867; (2) Clara Louise, born 17 July 1869.

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PRUDENCE GEER was born 24 October 1802; died 22 March 1833; married in North Groton 25 September 1825 Billings Avery, born 19 September 1802; died 15 July 1833. He was the son of Theophilus and Margery (Newton) Avery, and a descendent in the sixth generation of Peter Spicer. (See Spicer Genealogy).

Children: 3 sons:

(1) *James Billings Avery*, born 27 August 1826; died ——; married Marcella Earhart. Five children.
(2) *Theophilus Avery*, born 30 November 1827; died 6 October 1880; married Mary Lydia Corning. Five children.
(3) *Amos Geer Avery*, born 4 October 1829; died in 1904; married Sarah B. Chapman. Five children.

739

SHUBAEL GEER was born 20 August 1804; died 23 December 1859; married 5 August 1827 Mary Fitch (Brewster) Wilber, a widow. She was born 29 November 1802; died 12 October 1875.

Children: 8, 1 son and 7 daughters:

1247. *Abby Elison Geer*, born 27 June 1828; died ——; married 10 October 1853 Hezekiah Munsell.
1248. *Prudence Mary Geer*, born 10 October 1829; died 1921; married John Perkins.
1249. *Juliette Geer*, born 3 June 1833; died 11 June 1915; married 25 December 1853 Russell Jerome.
1250. *Phoebe Jane Geer*, born 28 March 1835; married 30 December 1854 Silas F. Reynolds, who died 19 December 1911. Three children.
1251. *Ann Elizabeth Geer*, born 16 July 1837; died ——; married Nathaniel Bolles.
1252. *Emma Redfield Geer*, born 15 August 1840; died in January 1899.
1253. *Hannah Fitch Geer*, born 28 October 1842; died 23 November 1844.
1254. *Josephus Fitch Geer*, born 9 October 1844; died 23 February 1874.

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ROBERT ALLYN GEER was born in Groton, Conn., 25 October 1806; died 10 December 1888; married (1) 16 May 1831 Eunice Bailey, born 4 March 1808; died 13 June 1846; married (2) 2 December 1847 Jennette (Murray) Phelps, born 2 April 1818; died 18 March 1897.

He was a carpenter and joiner. Lived in Norfolk, Conn.

Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1255. *Marion Josephine Geer*, born 26 November 1836; died 23 February 1911; married 17 October 1877 Edward D. Sheldon. No issue.

+ 1256. *Robert Clinton Geer*, born 10 October 1840; married Gertrude Baldwin Smith.

1257. *Eunice E. Geer*, born 10 May 1846; died 10 February 1875; married 29 November 1870 Edward D. Sheldon, of Branford, Conn. One son: Robert T. Sheldon, born 14 November 1871. Living in New York (1914).

Children by second wife: 3 daughters:

1258. *Jennette Phelps Geer*, born 15 June 1849; married 29 August 1871 Anson Albert Lawrence, of East Canaan, Conn. He was born 22 April 1846. No children. Living (1914) in Canaan, Conn.

1259. *Ida E. Geer*, born 25 May 1852; unmarried; living (1914) in Canaan, Conn.

1260. *Mary P. Geer*, born 1 January 1859; married Henry K. Trescott, of East Canaan. No children.

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON GEER was born in Ledyard, Conn., 9 January 1811; died in South Toledo, Ohio, 19 December 1879; married in Waterford 20 September 1836 Cordelia Comstock, born in Montville 15 April 1815.

He was a carpenter and builder. In 1836 he settled in Maumee City, now South Toledo, Ohio.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1261. *Orlando Comstock Geer*, born 22 October 1840. Never married. Served four years in the Civil War, taking part in the battles of Chickamauga,

Mission Ridge, Siege of Atlanta, and Sherman's March to the Sea.

+ 1262. *Amos Wight Geer*, born 24 September 1843; married Mary E. Lloyd.

1263. *Harriet Cordelia Geer*, born 22 October 1847; married John A. Church. Six children. He served three years in the Civil War; was at Bull Run, Gettysburg, and the principal battles before Richmond.

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ALFRED SMITH GEER was born 25 January 1815; died 26 May 1877; married 4 October 1848 Martha Ann La Shone of Baltimore, born 15 September 1830.

Children: 7, 1 son and 6 daughters:

1264. *Oceania Geer*, born 11 October 1849; died 16 February 1851.

1265. *Ann Eliza Geer*, born 8 August 1850; married a Mr. West.

1266. *Prudence Almira Geer*, born 1 January 1852.

1267. *Mary Elizabeth Geer*, born 5 August 1856; died 30 September 1856.

1268. *Ida Marion Geer*, born 1 August 1857.

1269. *Alfred Poe Geer*, born 13 November 1859.

1270. *Charlotte Isabelle Geer*, born 22 June 1862.

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JACOB ALLYN GEER was born in Groton 24 January 1817; died 19 October 1857; married in Ledyard, 19 October 1847, Julia, daughter of Isaac Gallup, born 4 April 1823; died 20 December 1896.

He was a farmer, school teacher, school visitor, town clerk, and Justice of the Peace. Lived in Ledyard, Conn.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

+ 1271. *Isaac Gallup Geer*, born 24 July 1848; married Amanda Chase Belden.

+ 1272. *Prudence Emma Geer*, born 26 July 1850; died 25 April 1901; married Nathan Gallup.

1273. *Nellie Wight Geer*, born 21 February 1858. Address, Norwich, R. F. D. 1.

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LUCY FITCH GEER was born 16 October 1802; died 11 March 1871; married 9 June 1831 Dr. Jonathan Harris Merrill, born 23 November 1801; died 1 September 1858. They lived in Salem, N. H.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Charles Geer Merrill,* born 14 April 1832.
(2) *George Washington Merrill,* born 28 February 1834.
(3) *Rebecca Barber Merrill,* born 23 April 1838.

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CHARLES DENISON GEER was born 29 October 1805; died 3 June 1832; married 22 March 1829 Fanny Baker, who died 29 October 1831. Lived in Brooklyn, Penn.

Child: 1 daughter:

1274. *Emeline Avery Geer,* born 28 January 1830; died 8 June 1866; married Caleb Cushing Eyre. Two children.

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ROBERT WHEELER GEER was born 17 April 1808; died ——; married (1) 26 April 1829 Julia Emily Packer, born 25 July 1812; died 29 September 1856; married (2) 26 April 1857 Mrs. Mary (Converse) Rhodes, born 25 January 1818.

Resided in Brooklyn, Penn.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1275. *Sarah Jane Geer,* born 20 December 1830; died 19 September 1832.
1276. *George Williams Geer,* born 4 August 1835; died 4 October 1861; married Myra Walker. One son, *George Williams Geer,* born 31 May 1861.

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JULIA ANN GEER was born 11 May 1815; died 30 October 1888; married 10 September 1840 James Wallace Adams. Lived in Brooklyn, Penn.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter.

(1) *Charles Geer Adams*, born 25 September 1841; died 2 October 1861.

(2) *Edwin Theodore Adams*, born 5 July 1845; died 14 May 1866.

(3) *John Wallace Adams*, born 6 July 1849; married 8 February 1870 Mrs. Blanche (Staples) Freeman.

(4) *Sarah Sophia Adams*, born 1 June 1856; married 17 December 1877 E. Leland Weston.

753

CHRISTOPHER MORGAN GERE was born 7 November 1814; died 15 June 1892; married 4 September 1842 Emma A. Smith, born 19 March 1812; died 29 June 1891. They lived in Montrose, Penn.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1277. *Christopher Morris Gere*, born 10 May 1849; married Frankie Guinnip.

755

JAMES LEWIS GEER was born 8 November 1808; died in Norwich 9 February 1899, aged 90 years; married (1) 19 November 1834 Prudence Almira Gallup, born 4 March 1815; died 17 July 1847. She was a sister of Julia, who married Jacob Allyn Geer (745). He married (2) 10 April 1848 Mary Ellen Geer (769), daughter of Elijah D. (334). She was born 29 November 1819; died 1 June 1887.

He was a school teacher, cabinet maker, and a member of the firm of Gallup & Geer, house furnishings. He was a vestryman of Trinity Church. Resided in Norwich, Conn.

Children, all by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

+ 1278. *Robert Geer*, born 23 March 1837; died 22 May 1901; married (1) Mary Sophie Gere; (2) Rhoda Kellogg Shedd; (3) Mrs. Julia (Richmond) Cass.

1279. *Ellen Geer*, born 9 March 1841; died 12 October 1917.

1280. *Lucy Geer*, born 9 October 1842.

Miss Ellen Geer was a member of the Faith Trumbull Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was registrar for nearly twenty years; also of the Mayflower Society, by descent from Governor Bradford; and of the "Societie of the Founders of Norwich, Connecticut," of which she was treasurer.

Miss Ellen Geer was a very remarkable woman, and preserved unimpaired all of her marvellous faculties until her death in October 1917 in the seventy-seventh year of her age. At the time that the present writer was arranging the material for the first edition of this book she took the keenest interest in the work, and wrote scores of letters containing invaluable information. Having spent her whole life in the midst of the scenes so closely associated with the early history of the family in this country, and having in her possession many of the papers of her grandfather, James Geer, who published the first Genealogy, she was a veritable mine of information regarding George Geer and his descendants.

In a letter from her under date of 6 January 1914, she gives the following interesting information regarding the old "Geer Homestead":

"My grandfather, James Geer, lived on the farm where my first ancestor, George Geer, settled, and the site of his first house is still to be seen near the spring, which is referred to on page 15 of his Genealogy as 'the little house over the seller.' The present house, which is the fourth house on the farm, my grandfather built in 1848. It has always been owned and occupied by our branch of the family, and is still owned by my grandfather's heirs. His children are all dead, so the present owners are the children of James L. and Nathaniel B. My cousin Juliette (the daughter of Nathaniel B.) still lives there, but we have a farmer who also lives in the house and cultivates the farm. We are all very much interested in this 'Geer Homestead.' It is also of interest that the farm where Robert Allyn settled and established a trading post is still known as 'Allyn's Point' on the Thames River, and is still owned and occupied by the Allyn family of the ninth generation. Robert Allyn's eldest daughter Sarah married George Geer, 17 February 1658, and there is little doubt that George Geer came with Robert Allyn and family from Salem, Massachusetts, to New London. At the time they made the settlement the land on both sides of the river was known as New London, — later the east side of the river formed the town of Groton, and in 1835 the north part of Groton formed the town of Ledyard, so the Geer Homestead and the Allyn Homestead are now both in the town of Ledyard."

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NATHANIEL BELLOWS GEER was born 31 January 1810; died 18 August 1898; married 19 November 1837 Julia Davis, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Shaw) Davis, of Preston. She was born 8 February 1814; died 17 February 1896.

He lived in Ledyard, Conn. In 1832 he was appointed Captain of the 5th Company of the 8th Conn. Infantry. In 1838 he bought, and afterwards resided in, the old house built by Isaac Geer. The old pear tree was blown down about 1863. He was a farmer, Judge of Probate, senior warden of Poquetanuck Episcopal Church.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

1281. *Juliette Geer*, born 20 August 1838. Never married.
+ 1282. *Thomas Henry Geer*, born 3 September 1840; married Fanny H. Brewster.
+ 1283. *Albert Davis Geer*, born 20 October 1842; died 14 August 1910; married Alice C. Cook.
1284. *Mary Abby Geer*, born 6 May 1846; died 10 January 1908.
+ 1285. *Maria Adaliza Geer*, born 29 December 1850; married John Denison Brewster.

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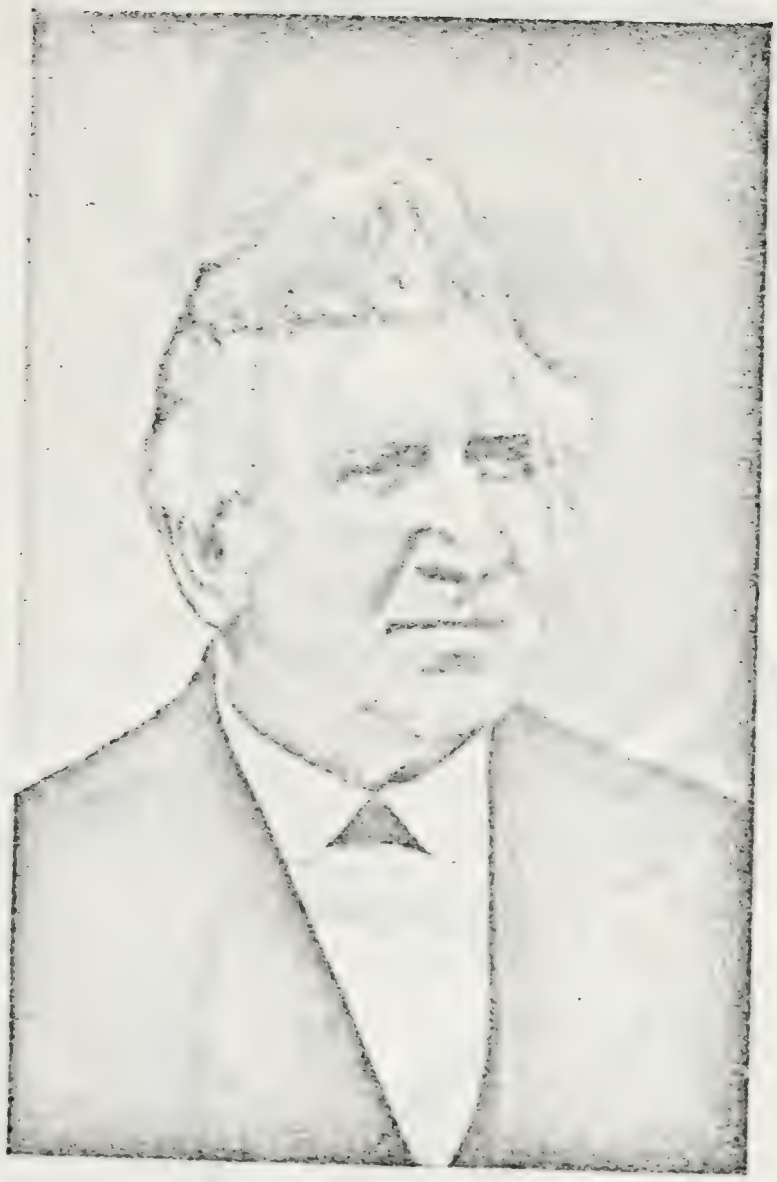
JOHN DENISON GEER was born in Griswold, Conn., 24 December 1807; died there 13 May 1882; married there 24 December 1833 May Ann Cook, born in Preston 8 January 1807; died in Griswold 24 March 1851.

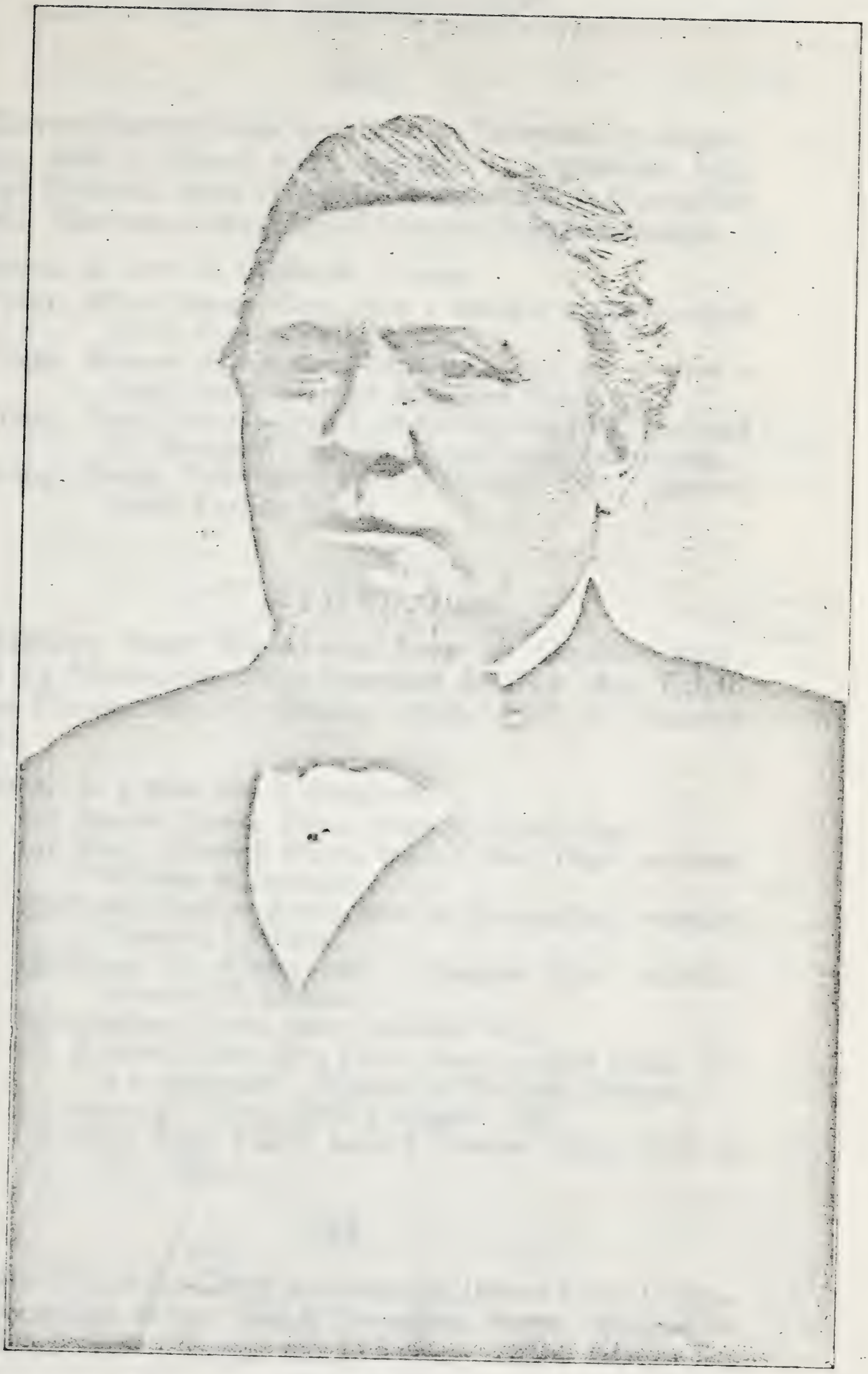
Lived in Griswold, Conn.

Children: 5, 1 son and 4 daughters:

1286. *Sarah Esther Geer*, born 30 August 1835; died 14 June 1836.
1287. *Eliza Tyler Geer*, born 31 July 1838; died 13 February 1904.
+ 1288. *Samuel Leonard Geer*, born 5 August 1840; died 6 February 1918; married Ella J. Wilcox.
+ 1289. *Harriet Paulina Geer*, born 23 January 1843; died 24 March 1908; married Charles H. Kinne.
+ 1290. *Louisa Adelaide Geer*, born 18 January 1847; died 4 October 1884; married Dwight B. Olin.



Nathaniel B. Greer



Robert Nelson Vere

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DAVID AUSTIN GEER was born in Griswold 17 August 1824; died 29 March 1907; married 15 September 1857 Sarah Leonard, born 18 August 1829; died 23 November 1906. She was a daughter of Deacon Joseph Leonard.

Children, all born in Griswold: 4 sons:

+ 1291. *Albert Stanton Geer*, born 2 October 1858; married Edith Estelle Young.
+ 1292. *Edward Austin Geer*, born 5 January 1861; died 2 April 1918; married Margaret Frink.
+ 1293. *Henry Denison Geer*, born 6 February 1863; married (1) Jennie Willis; (2) Carrie Annie Northrope.
+ 1294. *Joseph Tyler Geer*, born 5 October 1865; married Sadie Eveline Wood.

773

HARRIET ABBY GEER was born 28 October 1817; died 25 November 1860; married 8 May 1842 Ethan Allen Pierce, born 8 October 1820; died 18 January 1877.

Children: 8, 3 sons and 5 daughters:

(1) *Harriet Louisa Pierce*, born 27 April 1844.
(2) *Mary Elizabeth Pierce*, born 7 May 1846; married William S. Spencer.
(3) *Judah Denison Pierce*, born 12 March 1848; married Florence I. Ware.
(4) *Frank H. Pierce*, born 3 August 1850; married Almeron N. Loomis.
(5) *Caroline Pierce*, born 10 April 1853.
(6) *Edward Ethan Allen Pierce*, born 3 April 1855. He is a physician. Resides in Portland, Oregon.
(7) *Anna A. Pierce*, born 5 August 1857.
(8) *Allen Tyler Pierce*, born 1 October 1859; died 25 May 1860.

778

JOHN WHEELER GEER was born in Jewett City, Conn., 16 December 1829; died 9 December 1919; married in Cortland, New York, 26 February 1856, Mary L.,

daughter of P. C. and Mary (Curtis) Rowley, born 12 March 1832; died 18 July 1916.

Residence: "Meadowlands," near Auburn, New York.

Child: 1 daughter:

+ 1295. *Romain Lottie Geer*, born 12 June 1858; died 10 January 1918; married Wallace W. Shank.

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PRUDENCE ANN GEER was born 8 August 1825; died 12 January 1909; married 16 October 1856 Moses Ebenezer Norman, born 20 August 1816; died 10 August 1863.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Samuel Geer Norman*, born 3 May 1859; married 26 October 1893 Ida Maria Gallup, born 7 February 1869. One son: George Ernest Norman, born 26 September 1903.

(2) *Hannah Annie Norman*, born 14 March 1863; died 14 May 1881.

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CYRUS GALLUP GEER was born 27 February 1811; died 16 May 1883; married 31 March 1836 Eunice Stark, born 12 July 1812; died 30 November 1860. Lived in Lebanon, Conn. Farmer.

Children: 4 sons:

+ 1296. *Cyrus Stark Geer*, born 29 June 1838; died 9 April 1887; married Mary Elizabeth York.

1297. *David Gallup Geer*, born 19 July 1840; died 7 August 1872.

+ 1298. *Charles Franklin Geer*, born 21 November 1842; died 26 March 1920; married (1) Elizabeth Prudence Wightman; (2) Mrs. Mary Ann (Geer) Welch.

+ 1299. *Joseph Nelson Geer*, born 4 December 1847; died 11 April 1912; married Julia Elizabeth Manning.

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WILLIAM FRANKLIN GERE was born 30 June 1812; died 26 August 1875; married (1) 22 October 1837 Mary Jane Lathrop, born 23 November 1817; died 22 November 1866. Married (2) 23 March 1869 Anna M. Smith, born 21 January 1843.

Lived in Salina, New York. Salt manufacturer.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1300. *William Cyrus Gere*, born 10 October 1840; married Janette Smith.

1301. *Mary Jane Gere*, born 24 December 1843; died 8 September 1846.

1302. *Andrew Lathrop Gere*, born 15 February 1848.

+ 1303. *Mary Elizabeth Gere*, born 21 June 1850; married Iram C. Reed.

1304. *David Wesley Gere*, born 20 September 1853; died 1 September 1854.

1305. *Charles Franklin Gere*, born 20 January 1859.

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SARAH ANN GEER was born 20 July 1818; died 10 February 1890; married 28 October 1840 Henry Nelson Stark, born 9 August 1815.

Children: 6, 3 sons and 3 daughters:

(1) *Sarah Ann Stark*, born 13 June 1842; died 14 September 1871; married Charles Smith.

(2) *Julia Emma Stark*, born 13 January 1847; died 2 March 1898; married 5 February 1873 Andrew Waterman. Five children (Waterman): (a) Elisha, born 10 September 1874; married 25 October 1911 Ella Mercie Tucker; (b) Clarence Mason, born 17 May 1879; (c) Frank Edsall, born 27 January 1881; died 9 May 1908; (d) Bessie Mason, born 30 March 1886; married 27 October 1908 Frank R. Bartlett; (e) Mary Emma, born 11 April 1889; married 11 July 1911 Harry E. Prentice.

(3) *Edward Nelson Stark*, born 30 July 1849; died 5 November 1885; married 26 May 1875 Harriet E. Gillette. Four children (Stark): (a) Arthur Edward, born 5 December 1876; died 8 December

1876; (b) Lillian Estelle, born 3 November 1879; (c) Edna Mabel, born 3 April 1882; (d) Bertha Mae, born 2 January 1884.

(4) *Mary Almira Stark*, born 15 June 1853; died 24 October 1916; married 15 June 1904 Rev. J. H. Crist.

(5) *Frederick Geer Stark*, born 20 August 1855; married 4 October 1876 Mary Elizabeth Spaulding.

(6) *Irving Winslow Stark*, born 4 October 1859.

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David Geer was born 5 March 1821; died 4 January 1894; married 27 March 1844 Lorinda Smith, born 1 June 1825.

Farmer. Lived in Lebanon, Conn.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1306. *Erastus Stanton Geer*, born 6 March 1845; died 6 December 1910; married Grace E. Sherman.

+ 1307. *William Smith Geer*, born 20 May 1849; died 16 August 1923; married Nellie L. Wightman.

1308. *Mary Isabelle Geer*, born 2 December 1861.

789

Erastus Geer was born 9 October 1823; died 26 April 1895; married (1) 12 May 1852 Almira H. Saxton, born 7 January 1837; died 30 May 1853; married (2) 21 November 1860 Frances Ardelia (799), daughter Joseph Gere (343), born 25 July 1828; died 28 August 1905. He lived on the old homestead, "Oakland Farm," at Lebanon, Conn.

Child by first wife: 1 son:

+ 1309. *William Hamilton Geer*, born 15 March 1853; died 19 May 1922; married 14 February 1906 Martha Smith Allyn.

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Charles Franklin Gere was born in Geddes, N. Y., 21 March 1820; died in Manlius 2 April 1896; married in South Granby 26 July 1849 Catharine Failing, born 23 August 1828. He was a farmer. Lived at Manlius, N. Y.

Child: 1 daughter:

+ 1310. *Ida Amelia Gere*, born 15 December 1856; married Herbert A. Adams.

792

MARCUS JUNIUS GERE was born in Camillus, New York, 6 February 1822; died in Fulton 30 September 1904; married (1) in Camillus, 26 December 1849, Mary E. McCartey, who died 20 February 1853; married (2) in Lysander, N. Y., 15 February 1856, Catharine R. Townsend, born in Lysander 23 July 1831; died there 21 August 1909.

Children by first wife: 2 sons:

1311. *William Stanton Gere*, born 20 October 1850; died 3 December 1852.

+ 1312. *Ira McCartey Gere*, born 12 November 1852; married Mary Peck.

Children by second wife: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 1313. *Justus Townsend Gere*, born 28 June 1857; married Emma Whitcomb.

+ 1314. *Robert Holmes Gere*, born 4 June 1859; married Harriet W. Sexsmith.

1315. *Mary Eliza Gere*, born in South Granby, N. Y., 6 April 1861; died in Fulton, N. Y., 15 June 1894.

1316. *Lovisa Brewster Gere*, born in South Granby, N. Y., 7 February 1864. Graduated at Wellesley College, A.B. 1889; Columbia University, A.M. 1908. Teacher in Washington Irving High School, New York City.

1317. *Anna Hinsdale Gere*, born in South Granby, N. Y., 25 June 1872.

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JAMES MONROE GERE was born in Belle Isle, N. Y., 15 November 1824; died there 12 July 1908; married in Amboy, N. Y., 8 October 1856, Helen, daughter of Anson and Jerusha (Whitney) Hopkins, born 7 July 1832; died 26 February 1913.

In the Civil War he enlisted in August 1862 as captain of Co. H, 122d Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry,

and was with the Army of the Potomac from Antietam to Appomattox. He was captured in the battle of the Wilderness, but, after two unsuccessful attempts, finally escaped and rejoined his regiment. At the end of the war he was promoted to rank of colonel. He was a farmer, salt manufacturer, civil engineer and surveyor.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1318. *Helen Eliza Gere*, born 10 June 1858; unmarried. Graduated Syracuse University, Ph.B. 1881. Member Alpha Phi Fraternity. Teacher at Wilson, New York, 1893–4; of Sciences, Sandy Hill High School, 1896–1923. Address: 1802 West Genesee St., Syracuse, N. Y.

+ 1319. *William Anson Gere*, born 3 September 1860; married Caroline Munro.

+ 1320. *James Brewster Gere*, born 14 August 1867; married Harriet Munro.

1321. *Mary Emeline Gere*, born 2 October 1870; died 27 March 1872.

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Robert Nelson Gere was born in Florida, New York, 17 January 1822; died in Syracuse 7 November 1890; married (1) 5 April 1843 Sophia M. Ward, born 5 January 1825; died 29 November 1885; married (2) 21 September 1887 Lucy Anna (813), daughter of Charles Geer (348). She was born 7 April 1837; died 23 January 1920.

He received a common school education in Syracuse, and then became associated in business with his father, later succeeding him in the many important interests he had developed. He was president of the Syracuse Iron Works, one of the leading industrial concerns of the city. He was also president for nineteen years of the Merchants National Bank of Syracuse, resigning in 1884. He was a republican, and a representative in the Legislature from Onondaga County for several terms. For many years he was president of the Board of Trustees of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, and was a liberal donor to all deserving charities. He was honored and respected by all who knew him, and his name ranks high among those identified with the industrial, financial, and religious life of Syracuse.

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Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

1322. *William Stanton Gere*, born 5 June 1848; died 17 October 1852.

1323. *Anna Sophia Gere*, born 12 December 1851; died 10 October 1852.

+ 1324. *Robert Ward Gere*, born 4 September 1854; died 13 September 1902; married Emma L. Becker.

1325. *George Franklin Gere*, born 22 December 1856; died 19 April 1857.

+ 1326. *Martha Tyler Gere*, born 14 December 1859; married Edmund Ashley Hudson.

+ 1327. *Irving Nelson Gere*, born 3 March 1862; married Frances Groves Kent.

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George Clinton Gere was born in Florida, New York, 26 April 1824; died in Syracuse 14 April 1900; married in Geddes, New York, 23 June 1852, Adelia Manzer, born 9 March 1832; died in Syracuse 14 July 1910.

Educated at public schools and the Onondaga Academy. During his early married life he resided on the Robert Gere "Homestead," and owned and operated the farm up to time of his death. For forty years he was engaged in the manufacture of salt as president of the Geddes Coarse Salt Co. Was one of the organizers of the Onondaga County Milk Assn. and its president for twenty years. Trustee and president of village of Geddes for several terms. One of the founders and trustees of the Geddes Cong. Church and its president for twelve years. The last twenty-five years of his life he resided in Syracuse.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1328. *Alice Belden Gere*, born 5 December 1863; married Harry H. Terry.

+ 1329. *David Manzer Gere*, born 25 June 1865; married Sara Sophronia Munro.

+ 1330. *Sophia Stanton Gere*, born 22 September 1867; married William P. Westfall.

+ 1331. *Geroge Edgar Gere*, born 31 August 1873; married Alice J. Oliver.

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MARY ANNA GERE was born 14 December 1825; died 26 December 1910; married 25 October 1853 James J. Belden, born 30 September 1825; died ——.

He was a banker and member of Congress. For years Mrs. Belden was personally interested in the Women's and Children's Hospital, in Syracuse, and was active in other charitable work begun by her husband. The last few years before her death she spent her time during the winter months in her apartment at the Hotel Manhattan, New York City, which was built by her husband, and divided her time in the summer between the Adirondacks and Syracuse.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Harriet Anna Belden*, born 21 July 1858; died 10 November 1860.

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WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON GERE was born in Geddes, New York, 14 August 1829; died in Syracuse 14 January 1909; married (1) in Amsterdam, 3 October 1854, Octavia Frances Cady, born in Sullivan 30 July 1833; died in Syracuse 3 September 1888. He married (2) 9 October 1889 Sarah Phelps.

He was a civil engineer by profession; manufacture of salt and iron; farmer. Held several offices, civil and church. Lived in Syracuse, N. Y.

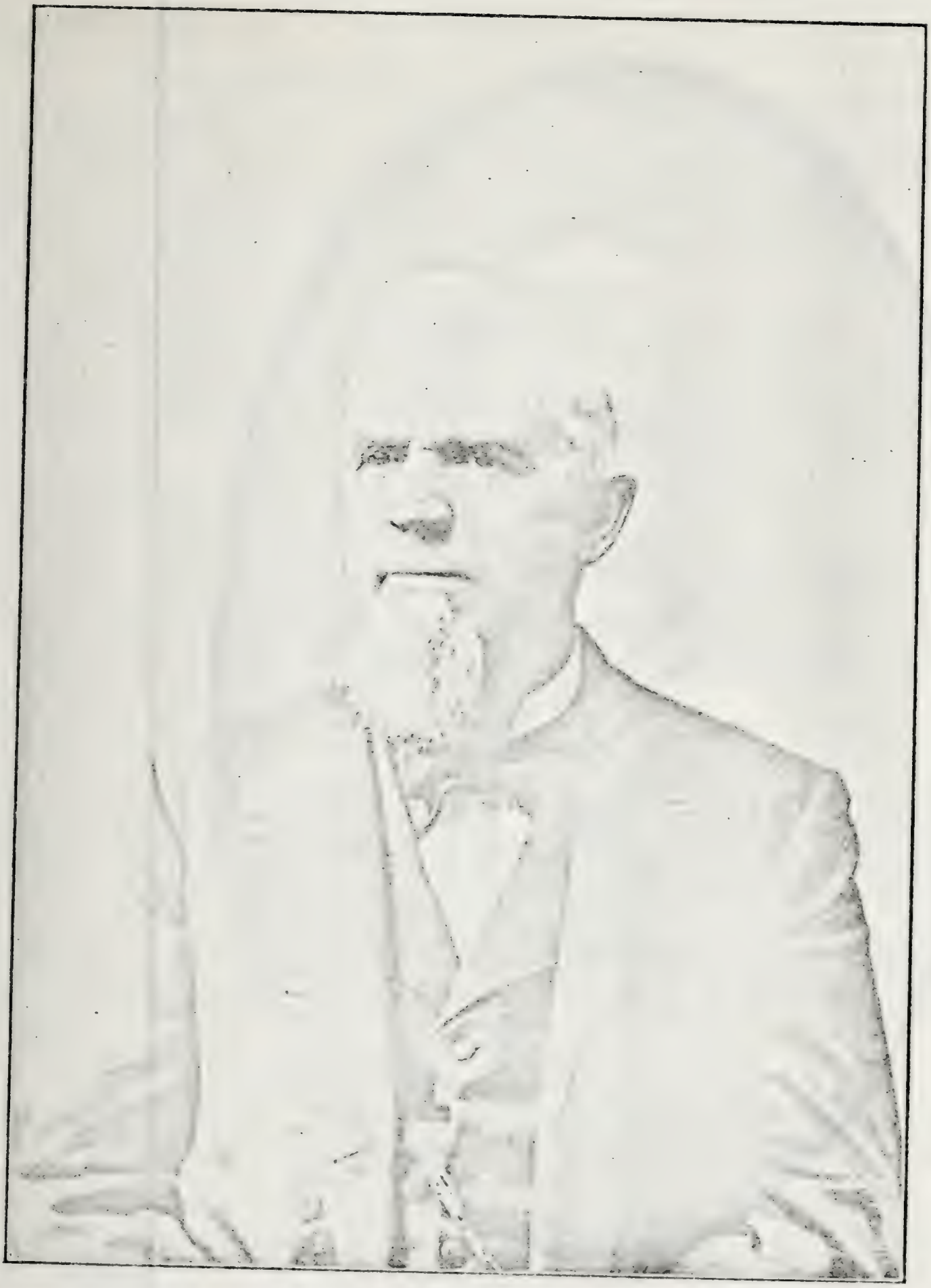
Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1332. *Anna Gere*, born 15 October 1855; died 8 October 1918; married Charles H. Hawley.

1333. *Daniel Cady Gere*, born 19 January 1858; died 16 March 1886. Graduated at Syracuse University, B. S. 1879; M.S. 1882; with Syracuse Iron Works 1879–81; Onondaga Iron Co. 1881–3; Gere & Co., coal dealers, 1883–6.

+ 1334. *Grace Gere*, born 29 December 1862; married Frank C. Soule.

+ 1335. *William Buell Gere*, born 24 May 1868; died 18 December 1915; married Annabel Brumelkamp.



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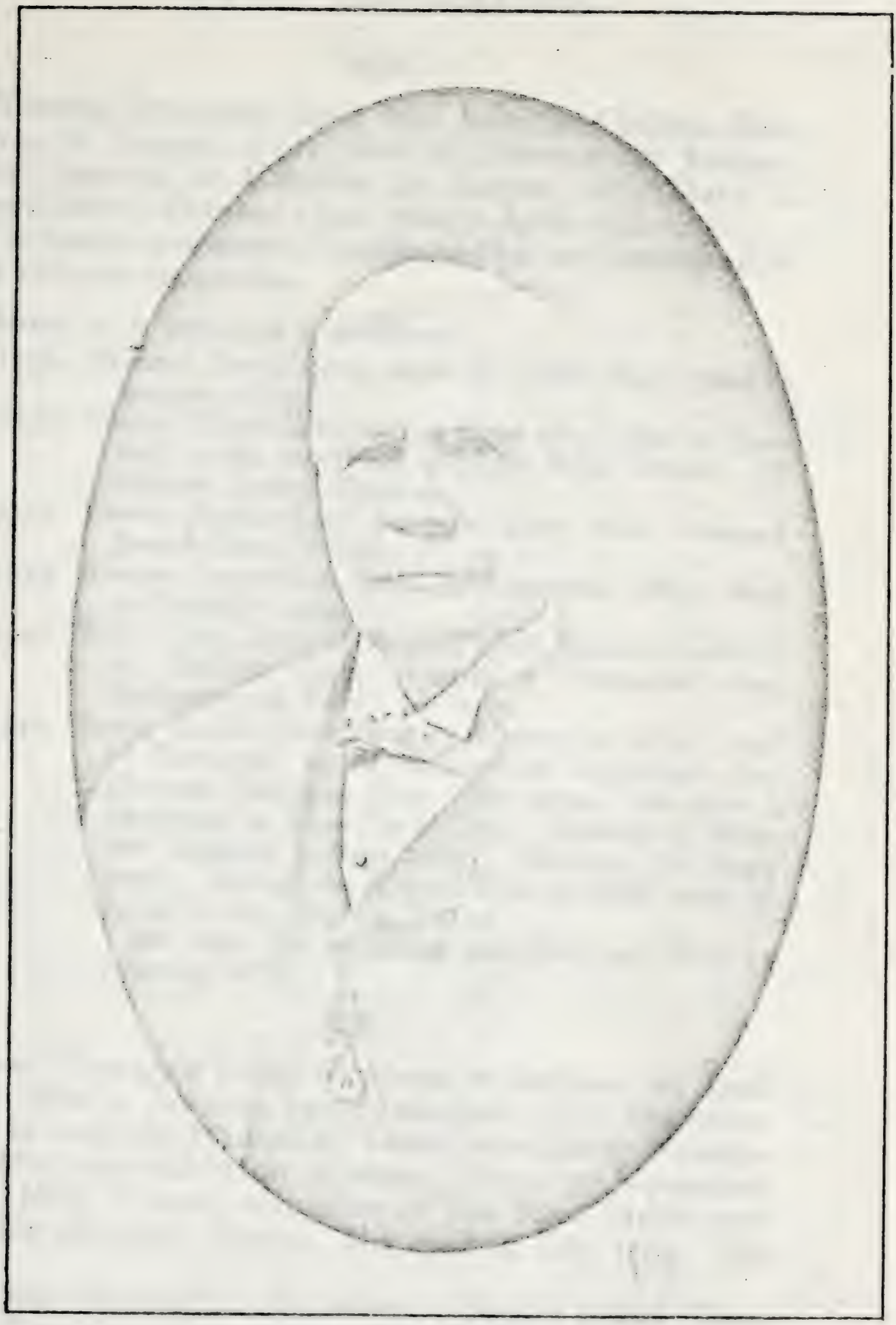

Wm. H. H. Gere

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NATHAN STANTON GERE was born in Geddes, New York, 16 August 1832; died in Syracuse 30 January 1885; married in Camillus 29 August 1855 Mary L. Sweet, born 6 October 1834; died 7 April 1896.

He was a contractor of public works, and interested in salt and iron industries.

Children: 7, 6 sons and 1 daughter:

1336. *Howard Sweet Gere*, born 31 July 1857; died 9 August 1859.

+ 1337. *George Hubert Gere*, born 3 May 1859; died 27 January 1918; married (1) Mary Belle Stewart, (2) Marion Louise Thomas.

+ 1338. *Fanny Sophia Gere*, born 20 June 1862; married Joseph Burr Tiffany.

1339. *Stanton Sweet Gere*, born 31 December 1865; died 30 October 1867.

1340. *Robert Gere*, born 21 August 1868; died in Yonkers 18 October 1914; married 6 November 1895 Katharine B. Filer. No issue.

1341. *James Belden Gere*, born 18 November 1872; died 18 November 1920; married 26 November 1902 Florence Beatrice Carr. No issue. He was a physician in New York City. Graduated Bellevue Medical College 1896. Veteran 7th Regiment; during the Great War he held rank of major in the Medical Corps.

There was also an infant son, born and died 25 January 1870.

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ISAAC WHEELER GEER was born in Ledyard 10 April 1829; died 4 January 1916; married (1) 2 December 1874, in Ledyard, Hannah C. Lamb, who died 19 November 1881; married (2) in Medway, Mass., 27 November 1886, Julia Frances, daughter of the Rev. James and Caroline (Brooks) Adams. She died 19 July 1904. No issue.

He was educated at the common district school (Geer Schoolhouse); was a farmer; for many years a vestryman and later warden of St. James Church, Poquetanuck. He lived in Ledyard, on a farm adjoining the "Geer Homestead."

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DAVID GEER was born in Ledyard 13 September 1832; died 12 July 1891; married in Preston 6 October 1863 Eunice Orinda Witter, born in Preston 13 April 1842; died 5 January 1894. She was a daughter of William P. and Mary Angeline (Latham) Witter, and a descendant of Peter Spicer.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 1342. *Mary Louisa Geer*, born in Plainfield, Conn., 19 August 1865; married Clarence Putnam Knight.
+ 1343. *Charles David Geer*, born in Plainfield 20 July 1869; married Ora Lee Owen.
1344. *Jennie Witter Geer*, born 3 October 1870; died 19 April 1906.
+ 1345. *Isaac Wheeler Geer*, born 1 February 1873; married Margaret Worth Thornton.
1346. *Angeline Latham Geer*, born 12 July 1878; died 18 August 1904.

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MARY LOUISE GEER was born in Ledyard, Conn., 31 March 1843; married in Syracuse 17 November 1868 Captain Theophilus Brown, son of Aaron and Mary (Wilcox) Brown. He was born in Ledyard, 12 January 1824; died 15 January 1905, in Groton, Conn.

He was a captain of whaling vessels. Residence: "Brown Place," Eastern Point Road, Groton, Conn.

Children: 2 daughters:

(1) *Alice Experience Brown*, born 29 September 1871; married 28 June 1899 Rev. Paul Hoffman. She was educated at Mount Holyoke College. Lives in Baltimore.

(2) *Clara Louise Brown*, born 12 June 1876; married in Groton 1 December 1902 Sanford, son of Noyes Billings and Susan (Spicer) Meech. (See Spicer Genealogy.) He was born 15 December 1863. She graduated from Williams Memorial High School, New London, Conn. Lives in Groton. One son: Sanford Brown Meech, born 18 December 1903.

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EDWARD GERE was born in Northampton, Mass., 19 December 1798; died in Williamsburg, Mass., 24 September 1832; married 14 October 1824 Arabelle Williams. He was at Yale, but did not graduate; was a farmer by occupation. Lived in Williamsburg, Mass.

Children: 3 sons:

+ 1347. *Edward Williams Gere*, born 8 April 1826; died 5 March 1893; married (1) Mary E. Baker; (2) Emma March; (3) Mary C. Cooksey.

+ 1348. *Henry Sherwood Gere*, born 30 April 1828; died 26 March 1914; married Martha Clark.

1349. *Collins Gere*, born 25 November 1830; died 22 April 1882; married in Rochester, New York, 8 September 1869, Mrs. Esther Seeley. He was connected with the firm of Hayden, Gere & Co., brass manufacturers, of Haydensville, Mass. His health failed, and he returned to Northampton, where he died. Child: *Frederick Gere*, born in 1870; died about 1882.

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ISAAC GERE was born 3 February 1803; died 21 January 1851; married in Deerfield, Mass., 21 July 1825, Lucy Wright.

He went to Williamsburg, Mass., a short time before his marriage; was engaged for some time in mercantile business, and afterwards in the manufacture of broadcloth and cashmere. He was a selectman for several years, and served two years in the House of Representatives of the State. On account of failing health he sold his factory and home in Williamsburg, and in the fall of 1838 moved to a farm near Oxford, Ohio, where he died.

Children who lived to maturity: 7, 2 sons and 5 daughters:

1350. *Ann Eliza Gere*, born ——; died 14 October 1911; married 25 June 1850 Melancthon Wade Oliver. Seven children.

1351. *Ellen Maria Gere*, born ——; married 31 December 1856 Lazarus Noble Bonham. Two children.

1352. *Mary Russell Gere*, born ——; died in St. Joseph, Mo., 28 November 1866; married 11 October 1853 Samuel Markle. Four children.

1353. *George Wright Gere*, born ——; died 27 January 1912; married Elenora Gallup. Eight children.

1354. *Lucy Brown Gere*, born ——; married 4 May 1867 Samuel Markle, after death of her sister Mary. Four children. Mrs. Markle lives at 5534 Bartener Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

1355. *Albert Henry Gere*, born ——; died 24 October 1894; married Elizabeth Gregory Sheffield. Four children.

1356. *Martha Jane Gere*, born ——; married 30 October 1872 James Abbott Sheffield. Four children. Lives in Portland, Oregon.

The first five children were born in Williamsburg, Mass., the other two at Oxford, Ohio. There were also three children who died young: *Mary Wright*, *Martha Jane*, and *Fannie Clary*.

836

Frederick Gere was born ——; died ——; married Ruth Sheldon Warner.

Child: 1 daughter:

1357. *Amelia Ruth Gere*, born 1831; died in Chicago, Ill., 11 August 1923, aged 92 years; married in Chicago, Ill., 18 December 1872, Alverin A. Mason, of Providence, R. I., who died 16 August 1904. No issue. Graduate of Mount Holyoke College. Author of *Women of the French Salons*, *Women in the Golden Ages*, and many essays in the *Atlantic*, *Century* and other magazines. Member of the Fortnightly, the Antiquarians and other clubs. Resided in Chicago, Ill.

840

Erastus Geer was born in Troy, N. Y., 17 January 1824; died there 5 August 1897; married 18 January 1849 Agnes Parker, born in New York 31 January 1831.

Children: 3 daughters:

+ 1358. *Mary Frances Geer*, born 3 April 1850; married James R. Rossman.

1359. *Elizabeth E. Geer*, born 5 December 1851; died 19 December 1913; married Henry A. Bowerman; died 28 January 1916.

+ 1360. *Alice L. Geer*, born 19 March 1856; married Thomas B. Kenny.

842

GILBERT GEER was born in Troy 8 May 1827; died there 26 March 1886; married 21 February 1850 Frances Adeline Mosher, born in Troy 27 August 1830.

He was the pioneer stove manufacturer of Troy, and made the first wrought iron parlor stove; owned a large foundry. Lived in Troy, N. Y.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1361. *Harvey Mosher Geer*, born 22 February 1851; died 18 March 1919; married Caroline R. Akin.

844

CHARLES HENRY GEER was born 9 January 1831; died ——; married 11 February 1856 Julia Rath, born 27 June 1837.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

1362. *Jennie Agnes Geer*, born 2 June 1857; married George B. Fales.

1363. *Harry Star Geer*, born 4 October 1859.

1364. *George Thomas Geer*, born 29 January 1863.

+ 1365. *Frederick Marshall Geer*, born 28 September 1869; married Minnie Van Norden.

1366. *Florena Aleen Geer*, born 9 October 1875.

846

GEORGE SPENCER GEER was born 17 May 1836; died 9 October 1892; married 3 October 1858 Martha Clarke Hamilton, born 7 March 1838.

He was a member of the original crew of the *Monitor* during the Civil War, and was on her when she fought the *Merrimac* in Hampton Roads, Virginia, Sunday, 9

March 1862. He was also one of the crew that was saved from her at the time she was sunk in a gale off Cape Hatteras, 31 December 1862. He continued in the service on several other vessels, and was honorably discharged as First Assistant Engineer at the close of the war.

Children: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1367. *William Clarke Geer*, born 29 September 1859; married Emma Kate Everingham.

1368. *Gilbert M. Geer*, born 2 September 1861.

1369. *Frank H. Geer*, born 15 April 1866; married Jessie Snyder. One child: *Dorothy Geer*.

1370. *Clara S. Geer*, born 22 October 1868; married Charles H. Sexton. Two children (Sexton): (1) Mabel; (2) Charles.

1371. *George Worden Geer*, born 3 May 1873; married September 1896 Marion C. Russell, born 27 April 1873. No issue. He is an accountant. Residence: Norwich, Conn.

1372. *Arthur Geer*, born 12 September 1880; died 20 June 1889.

1373. *Mattie S. Geer*, born 10 March 1882; married J. Leslie Snyder. One child: Donald Snyder.

855

John Avery Geer was born in Groton 25 November 1820; died 15 April 1895; married in Salem 24 January 1842 Lucretia Elizabeth Rogers, born in Salem 26 March 1824.

He enlisted 10 September 1862, Co. F, 26th Regt., and served 11 months in the Civil War, being promoted to corporal 17 October 1862.

Children: 6, 3 sons and 3 daughters:

1374. *Cyrus Mortimer Geer*, born 25 March 1844; died 29 May 1863. He enlisted 10 September 1862, Co. F, 26th Regt. Was wounded in his first engagement, at Port Hudson, and died two days later.

1375. *Alice Amanda Geer*, born 15 October 1847; married 21 July 1865 Marshall Luther. 1 son: (Luther) Mortimer Harvey, born 29 January 1866.

1376. *Eva Rosella Geer*, born 24 July 1858.

1377. *Idella Lucy Geer*, born 30 September 1860.

+ 1378. *Curtis Manning Geer*, born 11 August 1864; married Mary L. Gillette.
1379. *Morris Furth Geer*, born 7 April 1868.

865

SETH WINSLOW GEER was born 12 April 1826; died ——; married (1) 28 May 1851 Elizabeth Lee Campbell, born 16 August 1831; died 30 January 1865; married (2) 28 September 1865 Helen Marr Higley, born 28 August 1827.

Children by first wife: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:
1380. *Francis Campbell Geer*, born 21 March 1852; never married.
1381. *Eleanor Campbell Geer*, born 4 March 1856; married 17 June 1875 George Patterson. One son.
1382. *James Hepburn Campbell Geer*, born 2 August 1858.
There were also two children who died young: *Jennie Hepburn* and *Nancy Lee*.

Children by second wife: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:
1383. *Benjamin Geer*, born 3 October 1866.
1384. *Seth Winslow Geer*, born 27 February 1868.
1385. *Harvey Geer*, born 2 September 1869.
1386. *Joseph James Geer*, born 1 June 1873.
There was also a daughter, *Irene Lillian*, who died young.

868

HAROLD GEER was born in New York City in 1806; died 31 January 1854; married Rachel Berrian.

Children: 3 sons:
+ 1387. *Seth Edwin Geer*, born 29 September 1829; died 24 June 1880; married Rebecca Porter.
1388. *Harold Lindsley Geer*, born in 1833; died in 1837.
+ 1389. *William Harold Geer*, born 25 December 1834; died 30 October 1887; married Martha E. Patrick.

872

SETH GEER was born 10 April 1815; died 15 October 1866; married 20 October 1842 Harriet Ann Seaman. He was a prominent physician in New York City.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1390. *William Walter Geer*, born in 1844; died ——; married Anna Treadwell. No issue.

1391. *Mary Seaman Geer*, born in 1846; married Washington Dill, who died in 1900. She lives at 21 West 70th St., New York City.

+ 1392. *Alexander Whiting Geer*, born 30 June 1848; died 27 February 1889; married Ella Eugenie Williams.

879

Darius W. Geer was born in Albany 21 January 1818; died in Cleveland ——; married (1), in New York, 17 September 1844, Sarah Maria Ransom, born 17 October 1823; died 30 September 1851; married (2), in Brooklyn, 16 November 1854, Catherine Elizabeth Smith, born 15 June 1826; died in Cleveland 30 September 1914, aged 88 years.

Children by first wife: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1393. *Ella Ransom Geer*, born in New York 20 January 1846; married in Englewood, N. J., 16 January 1873, Junius Smith. Children: (1) Junius Hosford Smith, born in Englewood 26 August 1875; (2) Alice Smith, born in Stamford, Conn., 4 December 1880; died 23 July 1881.

1394. *Nelson Mills Geer*, born in New York 13 July 1848; died 21 July 1879.

1395. *Edward Winslow Geer*, born in New York 9 March 1850.

Children by second wife: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1396. *Alice Hosford Geer*, born in New York 25 November 1855.

1397. *Frederick Smith Geer*, born in Brooklyn 24 July 1859.

1398. *William Hosford Geer*, born in Brooklyn 26 October 1864.

1399. *Clara Dwight Geer*, born in Brooklyn 23 January 1867.

882

George Warren Geer was born 3 July 1824; died ——; married Cornelia M. Mumford.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1400. *Gurdon Saltonstall Mumford Geer*, born 8 March 1847; married Catherine M. Prince.

1401. *Mary Ransom Geer.*

1402. *John Osgood Geer*, born 12 February 1850.

1403. *Letitia Mumford Geer.*

889

DAVID NICHOLS GEER was born in Anderson County, South Carolina, 27 September 1801; died there 13 May 1878; married there 24 November 1818 Nancy Taylor, born there 27 February 1800.

Children: 11, 9 sons and 2 daughters:

1404. *John Franklin Geer*, born 22 March 1821; died ——; married —— Elizabeth Hanks of Etowah County, Ala.

+ 1405. *Solomon Madison Geer*, born 11 February 1823; died 26 September 1885; married Mary M. E. Holmes.

+ 1406. *David Anderson Geer*, born 25 January 1825; died 6 October 1873; married Lucinda E. Drennan.

1407. *Nancy Elizabeth Geer*, born 6 April 1827; died ——; married 14 November 1853 Amos Baker Gentry, born 9 December 1811; died in Anderson County 17 October 1858. Children (Gentry): (1) Prue Benson, born 26 October 1854; married 27 September 1877 Barbara Ella Keys; (2) Daniel David, born 26 April 1856; married 22 November 1876 Martha J. Holland; (3) Sarah Elizabeth, born 31 May 1858.

+ 1408. *James Monroe Geer*, born 21 April 1829; died 7 January 1863; married Martha Emaline Holmes.

1409. *Thomas Jefferson Geer*, born 2 July 1833; died in December 1860; married —— Martha Susan Smith.

1410. *Sarah Ann Susan Geer*, born 28 October 1835; died ——; married —— Andes Wood.

1411. *Majer Taylor Geer*, born 19 February 1841; died ——; never married.

1412. *Samuel Albert Geer*, born 22 October 1846; died 13 January 1866. He was killed by two negroes who were stealing hogs from his father. One of them was afterwards hanged.

There were also two sons who died young: *William Willis*, born 18 November 1831; died 31 August 1832; and *Walter Thompson*, born 3 May 1843; died 8 February 1844.

895

JOHN GEER was born about 1801; died prior to 1861; married ——. He lived in Rutherfordton, N. C.

Children: 4 sons:

1413. *Solomon Geer*, born ——; died ——; married ——.
1414. *Washington Geer*, born ——; died ——; married ——.
1415. *William Geer*, born ——; died ——; married ——.
1416. *John Geer*, born ——; died ——; married and had a son, *C. D. Geer*.

897

LUTHER GEER was born in New London, Conn., 15 March 1817; died in Toulon, Ill., 27 June 1881; married in New London 30 October 1836 Abby Hempstead, born in Norwich in 1815; died 15 February 1905, aged 90 years. He moved to Illinois in 1840. Owned a farm, and was a carpenter by trade. Justice of the Peace.

Children: 4 sons:

1417. *Luther Avery Geer*, born 17 May 1838; married Kate Peterson. Five children.
1418. *Courtland H. Geer* (1), born 3 April 1842; died in 1855.
+ 1419. *John Culberson Geer*, born 17 October 1845; married Delia Murphy.
1420. *Courtland H. Geer* (2), born 28 November 1858. Farmer in Goshen, Ill.

899

SILAS WHIPPLE GEER was born in Groton, Conn., 12 January 1822; died in Rockwell, Iowa, 26 April 1899; married in Chillicothe, Ill., 29 December 1847 Rebecca Moore, born in Springfield, Ohio, 15 October 1829; died in Rockwell in 1905.

Children: 7, 1 son and 6 daughters:

+ 1421. *Lavinia Terisa Geer*, born 7 April 1849; died ——; married William C. Foster.

(There were six other children of whom we have no record: *Delia*, *Bertha*, *Loretta*, *Effie*, *Kate*, and *Barton*.)

907

Lucy Ann Geer was born in Groton 5 July 1825; died ——; married in Ledyard 2 October 1842 Timothy Whipple, born in Ledyard 3 September 1821; died October 1881. He was the son of Jabez Whipple and Sarah Watrous.

He was a farmer and also carried on a saw mill.

Children: 11, 6 sons and 5 daughters:

(1) *Timothy Geer Whipple* (1), born 4 October 1843; died 11 October 1844.
(2) *Lucy Anna Geer Whipple*, born 6 October 1845; died 6 November 1846.
(3) *Ida Whipple*, born 8 January 1849; married in Ledyard 14 April 1869 Elijah Bailey Benham of Groton.
(4) *Phoebe Ella* (known as "*Nellie P.*") *Whipple*, born 6 May 1851; died 17 June 1871; married 14 April 1870 Urban Whipple.
(5) *Timothy G. Whipple* (2), born 22 November 1853; married 1876 Ellen Elizabeth Frink.
(6) *Asher Avery Whipple*, born 6 April 1856; died 27 April 1860.
(7) *Silas S. Whipple*, born 4 April 1859.
(8) *Annie Whipple*, born 11 February 1862; died in August 1863.
(9) *Samuel A. Whipple*, born 23 November 1864.
(10) *Thomas Geer Whipple*, born 8 December 1867.
(11) *Christine Violet Whipple*, born 13 February 1871.

912

Thomas Pierce Geer was born in Ledyard, Conn., 11 June 1843; died in Groton 26 November 1900; married in Groton 25 September 1871 Ella M. Fenner, born there 15 November 1850.

Mrs. Thomas P. Geer resides at 26 Fort St., Groton, Conn.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1422. *Ella Percie Geer*, born 30 May 1873; married David F. Huddle, Jr.

+ 1423. *Charles Reginald Geer*, born 16 November 1874; married Laura L. Packer.

1424. *William Gallup Geer*, born 14 June 1878; married —— Guest.

+ 1425. *Edith Emily Geer*, born 29 February 1880; married Otto J. Myer.

928

ELIZABETH GEER was born in Norwich 8 January 1802; died in Bethel, Sullivan County, New York, 30 December 1875; married in Norwich 30 December 1821 Moses Williams, born in Preston 10 November 1796; died in Bethel 14 June 1865.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

(1) *John Henry Williams*, born 28 September 1822; died ——; married 23 January 1848 Emily A. Hewitt. A daughter: Mrs. Wm. E. Vail.

(2) *William Williams*, born 16 November 1823; died ——; married (1) 25 December 1846 Harriet Lewis (divorced); married (2) in January 1852 Almira Reynolds. Three children.

(3) *Moses Geer Williams*, born 26 January 1826; died ——; married 1 January 1857 Sarah Maria Jackson. No issue.

(4) *Eliza Williams*, born 13 October 1827; died ——; married 17 October 1857 Joseph Whaley.

(5) *Abby Williams*, born 18 March 1830; died ——. Never married.

(6) *George Washington Williams*, born 4 March 1832; died 18 May 1874; married (1) 14 November 1866 Ellen Jackson; (2) 10 May 1872 Mary Elizabeth Chappell. No issue.

(7) *Sarah Lauretta Williams*, born 3 October 1834; died ——; married 4 January 1865 Frederic Augustus Rockwell. One child.

(8) *Martha Alma Williams*, born 3 September 1838; died ——; married 26 January 1860 George L. Roath. Six children, of whom three died young.

929

ERASTUS GEER was born 6 December 1803; died 26 July 1878; married Eliza Bateman.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1426. *Erastus Wheeler Geer*, born 15 September 1830; died ——; married Mary E. Brown.
1427. *Martha Geer*, married Elisha Rockwell.
1428. *George Henry Geer.*

930

GEORGE WILLIAM GEER was born 27 March 1806; died 21 February 1886; married (1) 24 October 1827 Betsey Button. She was born 12 April 1808; died 2 August 1858. Married (2) 22 October 1861 Dolly (Brown) Parsons, born 20 March 1813.

He was master of a sailing ship at the age of eighteen, and was interested in shipping and a builder of ships all his life. For over twenty years he was Inspector of Customs at Norwich, Conn.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 1429. *George William Geer*, born 22 July 1828; died 9 January 1913; married Elizabeth Mitchell.
+ 1430. *Charles Henry Geer*, born 27 September 1830; died 1 July 1920; married Emily J. Keables.
+ 1431. *Oliver Joseph Geer*, born 23 January 1834; died 13 November 1903; married Eliza Rogers Raymond.
+ 1432. *Elizabeth Mary Geer*, born 5 July 1836; died 9 October 1875; married Alvah Francis.
1433. *Susannah Beebe Geer*, born 11 February 1839; died 26 June 1861.
+ 1434. *Eunice Ann Geer*, born 19 June 1841; died 24 January 1921; married Edgar W. Tennant.
1435. *Frances Jane Geer*, born 3 November 1843; died 11 August 1879; married 29 August 1864 Amos B. Carkin. No issue.
1436. *Robert Cleaveland Geer*, born 19 December 1848; died 26 October 1880.

931

SALLY MARIA GEER was born 5 May 1808; died in Norwich 1 December 1873; married 8 January 1827 Captain Edward Smith, born in Norwich 28 July 1803; died there 29 April 1872.

Captain Smith passed his entire life in Norwich, where he was highly respected. For over thirty years he had charge of a packet running between Norwich and Providence. From that time until a few years before his death he was captain of different excursion steamers running daily between Norwich and Watch Hill.

Children, all born in Norwich: 9, 5 sons and 4 daughters:

(1) *Sally Ann Maria Smith*, born 16 November 1827; died 21 July 1830.

(2) *Francis Edward Smith*, born 24 October 1829; died 12 April 1831.

(3) *Sally Maria Smith*, born 24 September 1831; died ——.

(4) *Edward Smith*, born 22 October 1833; married 24 January 1869 Elizabeth Van Benthysen.

(5) *Francis Smith*, born 28 October 1835; died 10 July 1876; married 19 March 1861 Leonora Burdick (deceased). No issue.

(6) *Adelaide Elizabeth Smith*, born 24 January 1838; married 26 September 1865 Dalphon L. Gibbs. No issue.

(7) *Harriet Anna Smith*, born 20 October 1840; married 8 December 1873 George H. Woodworth.

(8) *Jedediah Smith*, born 15 February 1843; died 16 June 1870; married 2 November 1865 Lydia M. Meggs.

(9) *Oliver Merrels Smith*, born 30 September 1846; married 6 December 1873 Harriet M. Sparks.

934

JEREMIAH CLEVELAND GEER was born 24 September 1815; died 18 December 1894; married (1) 10 April 1836 Mary Ann Bushnell, born in Norwich 16 November 1817; died there 22 May 1845; married (2) Eliza Platford Williams, born in England 1 May 1825; died in Groton 17 November 1878.

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Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

+ 1437. *Jeremiah Cleveland Geer*, born 30 May 1837; died 4 February 1895; married Charlotte Dart.

1438. *Eliza Geer* (1), born 23 February 1840; died 15 October 1841.

1439. *Eliza Geer* (2), born 30 July 1842; married Henry Bliven. Three children (Bliven): (1) Sarah; (2) Mary; (3) Jeremiah Cleveland. (All deceased).

Children by second wife: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 1440. *Mary Ann Caroline Geer*, born 29 March 1847; married (1) Albert E. Welch; (2) Charles F. Geer (1298).

1441. *Levina Etta Geer*, born 26 August 1849; died 1 September 1870; married Charles C. Phillips. Two sons.

1442. *Virginia Emma Geer*, born 20 April 1851; died 31 October 1861.

1443. *Albert Platford Geer* (1), born 28 July 1853; died 26 September 1854.

+ 1444. *Albert Platford Geer* (2), born 5 April 1856; married Rose C. Hunter.

+ 1445. *Victoria Maria Geer*, born 1 November 1859; married Frank H. Case.

941

REZIN GEER was born in New Paltz, N. Y., 9 March 1795; died in Tioga, N. Y., 22 September 1837; married (1) 17 December 1819 Miranda Ensign, born 17 June 1799; died 20 March 1827; married (2) 12 November 1827 Delia Epps, born 9 July 1805.

Children by first wife: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1446. *Mary Elizabeth Geer* (1), born 7 October 1820; died in May 1825.

1447. *Rezin James Geer* (1), born 6 August 1822; died in January 1823.

1448. *Angeline Geer*, born 7 April 1824; died 17 September 1858; married 3 July 1851 John R. Pierce.

1449. *Mary Elizabeth Geer* (2), born 31 October 1825; died 18 February 1874; married 12 May 1847 Abraham T. Lane.

Children by second wife: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1450. *Rezin James Geer* (2), born in Albany 14 September 1828; died ——; married 6 January 1853 Elizabeth Briggs. Eight children

1451. *William Epps Geer*, born in Greenbush 28 September 1830; died ——; married 1 September 1864 Mary E. Ballou.

1452. *Delia Marinda Geer*, born 16 December 1832; died ——; married 14 April 1857 Alexander Duncan. One daughter.

1453. *George Washington Geer*, born 11 May 1835; died 6 April 1862 at Pittsburg Landing in the Army.

944

NATHAN DEYO GEER was born 12 August 1807; died in 1895 (buried at North Stamford, Conn.); married (1) 19 July 1830 Elizabeth Wolfe, of an old English family, who settled on the Hudson. She died 8 June 1861, and is buried at New Baltimore, New York. He married (2) Mrs. Mary A. Dibble. He ran a line of freight boats on the Hudson River.

Children: 6, 5 sons and 1 daughter:

1454. *Samuel Geer*, born 27 June 1831; died 5 July 1865. Was captain in the merchant service.

+ 1455. *Marie Louise Geer*, born 20 September 1833; died 14 June 1918; married George Wetmore Kittelle.

+ 1456. *George Wolfe Geer*, born 27 September 1835; died 6 February 1914; married Mary Hall.

1457. *Rezin Geer*, born 13 March 1839; died 5 March 1877; married Agnes Massenger. No issue. During the Civil War he served in the Duryea Zouaves.

1458. *John Geer*, born 24 May 1842; died 19 October 1875 in San Jose, California. Was captain in the merchant service.

1459. *Eugene Geer*, born 19 December 1844; died 30 September 1861 of wounds received at battle of Bull Run.

947

CHARLES VANDERBURGH GEER was born 1 April 1797; died 27 October 1871; married 24 November 1819 Teresa Ely, born 5 June 1798; died 16 September 1869.

Children: 2 daughters:

1460. *Harriet Jane Geer*, born 8 June 1828; married 27 December 1865 Samuel Davidson. Two sons.
1461. *Martha A. Geer*, born 6 July 1831; died 12 May 1839.

948

EDWARD LAW GEER was born 3 June 1799; died ——; married (1) 20 November 1822 Mary Follet; (2) Mrs. Clarinda Wilmarth.

Children: 8, 2 sons and 6 daughters:

1462. *Mary Emily Geer*, born 31 October 1823; died 10 April 1864; married George W. Park. No issue.
1463. *Sarah A. Geer*, born 22 May 1825; died 6 August 1826.
1464. *Angeline Maria Geer*, born 12 April 1827; died ——; married (1) 25 November 1852 Abner B. Stanton; (2) 18 December 1864 George W. Park. No issue.
1465. *Catherine Atwood Geer*, born 28 April 1829; died 12 January 1830.
1466. *Jeremiah Cooke Geer*, born 13 November 1830; died ——; married 12 October 1853 Sarah J. Beers. Four children.
1467. *Jane Olivia Geer*, born 30 April 1833; died 7 September 1834.
1468. *Susan Jennette Geer*, born 16 September 1835; died 15 January 1843.
1469. *Robert Lovejoy Geer*, born 7 April 1838; married 18 June 1861 Julia Ann Oakley. Two children: *Arthur Marvin*, born 10 May 1862, and *Mary Emeline*, born 15 September 1865.

949

GEORGE MORGAN GEER was born in Norwich, 15 March 1801; died in Chatfield, Minn., 13 October 1871; married 20 November 1822 Sarah Champlin, daughter of Col. Thomas Parke. She was born in Springville, Penn., 5 December 1802; died in Chatfield 19 April 1874.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

1470. *Edwin Benton Gere*, born 22 January 1828.
1471. *William Beecher Gere*, born 29 January 1830; married 22 June 1869 Mrs. Augusta (Marshall) Croom. No issue.
1472. *Mary Louisa Gere*, born 16 May 1834.
1473. *Helen Amanda Gere*, born 22 February 1837; married 13 January 1862 Geo. W. Dwineford.
1474. *Thomas Parke Gere*, born 10 September 1842; married (1) 1 January 1868 Florence Irene Howard; died 12 May 1871; married (2) 16 September 1874 Mary Emeline Shepard. By the first marriage he had one daughter, *Florence Bertha*, born 1 November 1869; died 24 November 1870; by the second marriage, a daughter, *Madge Shepard*, born 24 June 1877. Lived in Sioux City, Iowa.

There were also three children who died young: *Sarah M.*, born 19 December 1824; *Helen L.*, born 25 March 1832; and *Charles T.*, born 1 March 1839.

NOTE: This generation of children changed the spelling to Gere.

959

ALBERT REZIN GEER was born 29 April 1822; died 19 February 1903; married 3 July 1845 Sarah E. Tewkesbury.

Children: 9, 6 sons and 3 daughters:

1475. *William R. Geer*, born 17 June 1846; married Bunnel.
1476. *George L. Geer*, born 21 December 1848.
1477. *Charles E. Geer*, born 4 August 1850; married Mrs. Maria Rounds.
1478. *Mary E. Geer*, born 5 June 1852; married Thomas West.
1479. *Harriet E. Geer*, born 14 February 1854.
1480. *Ansel J. Geer*, born 31 March 1856.
1481. *Sarah E. Geer*, born 27 October 1857; died 15 November 1857.
1482. *Alvah K. Geer*, born 3 March 1862.
1483. *Frank J. Geer*, born 19 January 1865.

SEVENTH GENERATION

961

Ralph Cary Geer was born in Willimantic, Conn., 13 March 1816; died 9 January 1895; married in London, Ohio, 8 January 1837, Mary, daughter of Abner Willard. She was born in Madison County, Ohio, 5 August 1819.

Children: 6, 2 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 1484. *Calvin Geer*, born 30 October 1837; married Ellen Leonard.

+ 1485. *Florinda Geer*, born 3 September 1839; married Timothy W. Davenport.

1486. *Samantha Geer*, born 2 July 1842; married Philip Bowers. Had a son, Frank Bowers, a cartoonist. Lived in Indianapolis.

+ 1487. *Lagrande Byington Geer*, born 11 March 1845; died 6 May 1909; married Eglantine Dehart.

1488. *Mary Geer*, born 8 September 1851; married W. J. Starmer. No children. She later took the name of *Mary Hulda*.

1489. *Angeline Geer*, born 8 October 1853; died 23 March 1856.

962

Frederick Wolcott Geer was born in Willimantic, Conn., 24 May 1817; died ——; married in Knox County, Illinois, 17 July 1841, Mary Ann Prentiss, born 2 March 1822. He lived in Butteville, Oregon.

Children: 10, 4 sons and 6 daughters:

1490. *Adelia Honeywood Geer*, born in Knox County, Illinois, 1 May 1842; married in 1859 Charles M. Cartwright.

+ 1491. *Theodore Dwight Geer*, born 13 October 1843; died ——; married Philomene Matthieu.

+ 1492. *Frederick Corydon Geer*, born 24 July 1848; died in 1918; married in 1868 Eliza Foster.

1493. *Annetta Amelia Geer*, born 25 February 1850; married in 1868 John Wynne.
1494. *Violet Elmira Geer*, born 25 July 1852; married in 1874 Alfred McCully.
1495. *Ella H. Geer*, born 27 May 1855; died 5 March 1876.
1496. *Archibald J. Geer*, born 5 September 1859; married Emily Ives.
1497. *Prentiss B. Geer*, born 12 August 1862; died 5 July 1870.
1498. *Effie B. Geer* (twin), born 16 April 1866.
1499. *Eva B. Geer* (twin), born 16 April 1866; died 28 September 1873.

964

JOSEPH CARY GEER was born 1 February 1825; died 12 January 1908; married in Boise City, Idaho, 1 May 1867, Clara Tevenar, born 26 September 1843.

Children: 2 sons:

1500. *Schuyler C. Geer*, born 21 February 1868; married 3 January 1898 Lottie Cora Mann. No children.
+ 1501. *Theodore M. Geer*, born 21 February 1870; married ——.

965

ISAIAH GEER was born in Madison County, Ohio, 13 April 1827; died in California about 1885; married (1) Phoebe Crandall; (2) in 1862 Mrs. Elizabeth Overby.

Children by second wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1502. *Walter Geer*, born in 1863.
1503. *Ada Geer*, born in 1864.

966

HEMAN JOHNSON GEER was born in Madison County, Ohio, 23 September 1828; died 16 August 1903; married (1), in Marion County, Oregon, 14 October 1848, Cynthia Ann Eoff; married (2) 14 October 1866 Eliza Duncan. Lived in Cove, Union County, Oregon.

Children by first wife: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1504. *Theodore Thurston Geer*, born 12 March 1851; married (1) Mrs. Nancy Batte; (2) Isabelle Trullinger.

1505. *Theodosia Caroline Geer*, born 16 May 1853.

1506. *Arthur Geer*, born in 1855; died in 1857.

1507. *Ralph Cary Geer*, born 22 March 1858; died in 1872.

Children by second wife: 2 sons:

1508. *Judd Geer*, born in Cove, Oregon, 18 February 1868; married in 1888 Mary Holtby. Two daughters: *Ada* and *Pauline*.

1509. *Blaine Geer*, born 12 March 1880.

973

Joel Palmer Geer was born in Butteville, Oregon, 7 March 1856; died in 1917; married in Albany, Oregon, 26 February 1876, Calista, daughter of Amos Culver. She was born in Albany 21 September 1855. He received a common school education. Member Oregon Legislature. Farmer.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1510. *Lottie Geer*, born 23 January 1877; died 8 October 1897.

1511. *Olive Kate Geer*, born 26 August 1882; married 19 February 1913 Albert Pinska, of Dawson, Yukon Territory, Alaska.

1512. *Earl Victor Geer*, born 24 August 1887; died 20 October 1912; married 11 August 1909 Vashti Grace Crocker, of Seattle. He was killed in the Philippines. No issue.

976

George Geer was born in Windham, Conn., 7 April 1831; died in Galesburg, Ill., 19 September 1913; married in Knoxville, Ill., in 1853, Mary Jane Grim, born in Highland County, Ohio, 7 March 1831; died 26 July 1912.

He invented a cherry-pitter, apple parer, slicer and corer, also first clover-puller used in Knox County.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1513. *Almiron Geer*, born 15 January 1854; died 7 December 1910.

1514. *Amelia Geer*, born 30 April 1856; died 26 October 1857.

1515. *Clara Geer*, born in 1858; died 13 March 1888; never married.

1516. *Minnie Geer*, born in Galesburg, Ill., 17 September 1866; married 26 June 1896 William Stofft, born in Naperville, Ill., 6 December 1864. No issue. Residence: 282 N. Academy St., Galesburg, Ill.

977

Anson Cary Geer was born in Connecticut 22 July 1834; died in Salem Township, Illinois, 3 April 1898; married Marie Antoinette Hunt, born 17 June 1840.

Child: 1 daughter:

1517. *Cora Geer*, born 21 March 1872; married 11 October 1888 George Addis, born in Canton, Ill., 12 December 1865. Seven children. Resides in Salem Township, Knox Company, Ill.

987

Jephthah Geer was born 13 February 1804; died 3 December 1870; married (1) 11 December 1828 Olive Starkweather, born in Preston, Conn., 14 October 1805; died in Windham 24 October 1838. He married (2) in 1839 Mary L. Kimball, born 10 January 1813.

Children by first wife: 2 sons:

1518. *Henry Belcher Geer*, born in Windham, Conn., 8 January 1836; died 18 April 1900; married 22 January 1874 Mary Elizabeth Carey, who was born 21 April 1841. He was a jeweler by trade.

1519. *Sidney Leonard Geer*, born in Windham, Conn., 17 September 1838; died 18 April 1906; married 20 July 1865 Harriet Perry, who is also deceased. He was a dentist in Norwich, Conn.

988

Eunice Geer was born in Preston, Conn., 28 April 1806; died ——; married 7 September 1829 Charles

Barstow, who was born in Preston in 1805; died in Moscow, Pa., in July 1877. After marriage they removed to Crystal Lake, Susquehanna County, Pa. He was an accountant by profession.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Olive W. Barstow*, born 18 February 1834; married 7 February 1860 Charles B. Platt. Four children.

(2) *Joshua A. Barstow*, born 9 November 1835; died in 1855. Never married. He went with Colonel William Walker on his filibustering expedition to Nicaragua in 1855 and was killed there at the second battle of Revas.

(3) *Charles T. Barstow*, born 23 January 1836; married in Norwich in 1853 Carrie Phillips. Two children.

990

Hollibut W. Geer was born 8 March 1810; died ——; married (1) 18 November 1833 Lucy Avery Coats, born in Stonington 10 October 1810; died in Norwich 8 September 1847. She was the daughter of Edward Coats and Cynthia Swan. Married (2) 22 November 1848 Sally Ann Jillson, born in Boston, Mass., 6 September 1811. She was the daughter of Asa Jillson and Ann H. Sabin. He was a merchant. Lived in Montville, Conn.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1520. *Lucy Elmira Geer*, born 17 October 1834; married 31 May 1853 Isaac Turner. Five children.

1521. *Hollibut Worthing Geer*, born 8 May 1836; died 4 August 1839.

1522. *William Henry Geer*, born 26 April 1841; died 16 December 1862.

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Isaac Sidney Geer was born 7 April 1814; died ——; married 25 November 1836 Abby Jane Brewster, born 8 March 1820; died 20 November 1855.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1523. *Susan Jane Geer*, born 6 December 1838; married 28 November 1857 Henry Lyon.

+ 1524. *Sidney Brewster Geer*, born 18 October 1845; married Eva Willcox.

1525. *Mary Louisa Geer*, born 21 April 1852; died 5 August 1852.

1526. *Carrie Brewster Geer*, born 27 February 1855; died 29 July 1859.

1008

GEORGE GEAR was born in Middletown, Conn., 28 August 1810; died ——; married (1) 6 May 1835 Elvira P. Bailey, born in 1815; died 20 February 1850; married (2) 6 July 1850 her sister Cornelia A. Bailey, born in 1819; died 17 March 1860; married (3) 30 May 1863 Lucy A. (Morgan) Holmes.

Children by first wife: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1527. *Charlotte E. Gear*, born 11 April 1838; married 9 March 1856 Asahel W. Roberts. One son.

1528. *George C. Gear*, born ——; married 19 March 1868 May E. Gay. No children.

1529. *Eveline E. Gear*, born 16 August 1844; married 2 January 1868 Charles T. Homan. Two children.

1530. *Clarice D. Gear*, born ——; died ——.

Children by second wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1531. *Delena Maria Gear*, born 17 July 1857; married 8 October 1870 John Waters. Three children.

1532. *Charles E. Gear* (1), died young.

Child by third wife: 1 son:

1533. *Charles E. Gear* (2), born 15 September 1864.

1009

SAMUEL AUGUSTUS GEAR was born in Middletown, Conn., 28 January 1813; died there 9 October 1860; married 25 August 1833 Delia Ann Norton, born 25 May 1813.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1534. *Russell Augustus Gear*, born 6 July 1834; died 28 April 1835.

1535. *Frances Augusta Gear*, born 8 February 1836; died ——; married 13 April 1851 George E. Baldwin.

+ 1536. *Samuel Washington Gear*, born 18 January 1839; died ——; married 28 November 1861 Maria H. Bates.

+ 1537. *John Barnes Gear*, born 18 June 1842; married Emma J. Dyer.

1015

George Rufus Gear was born in Marietta, Ohio, 1 December 1840; married there 2 July 1867 Julia Barnes, born in Evansville, Indiana, 27 August 1840.

He served three years in the Civil War. Graduated at Marietta College 1867. He was instructor in Marietta High School, 1867–1871; in Marietta College Academy, 1871–1879; and pastor of the First Baptist Church for 20 years.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1538. *George Mills Gear*, born 9 April 1870; married Emma Redd.
+ 1539. *Harry Barnes Gear*, born 6 March 1872; married Bertha Elizabeth Riley.
1540. *Frances Caroline Gear*, born 27 March 1874; unmarried.
1541. *Katharine Gear*, born 21 December 1875; unmarried. She is teacher in Hyde Park High School, Chicago.

1017

Hiram Lewis Gear was born in Marietta, Ohio, 1 December 1842; died in San Francisco about 1919; married 5 July 1863 Cornelia Van Clief, born 14 February 1843.

He graduated at Marietta College 1862. Member Phi Beta Kappa Society. Tutor in the college one year; admitted to the bar 1863; Baptist minister 1873–1882. For many years he was court reporter in California, and contributed legal, political and theological articles to magazines and journals. Lived in San Francisco.

Children: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

1542. *Emily Jerusha Gear*, born in Downieville, Cal., 5 April 1864.
1543. *Albert Van Clief Gear*, born 23 August 1866. Lives in Honolulu.
1544. *George Cowden Gear*, born in Quincy, Cal., 21 March 1868.
1545. *Hiram Lewis Gear*, born in Quincy, Cal., 29 October 1869; died 19 January 1871.
1546. *Lewis Sage Gear*, born in Xenia, Ohio, 9 July 1880. Lives in Berkeley, Cal.

1018

HENRY SAGE GEER was born in Middletown, Conn., 17 October 1831; died at Fairfax Station, Va., 17 January 1863; married at Rocky Hill, Conn., 29 October 1854, Martha Augusta Chambers, born 29 October 1826.

He enlisted during the Civil War, August 1862; was 1st or orderly sergeant, Co. D, 20th Regt. Conn. Volunteers.

Children: 5, 1 son and 4 daughters:

1547. *Hattie Augusta Geer*, born 11 July 1856; married 1 November 1877 Dwight W. Holmes.
1548. *Fanny Martha Geer*, born 20 October 1857.
1549. *Jennie Maria Geer*, born 28 December 1858.
1550. *George Abial Geer*, born 7 August 1860; died 29 September 1880.
1551. *Nellia Amelia Geer*, born 22 July 1861; died 27 September 1861.

1026

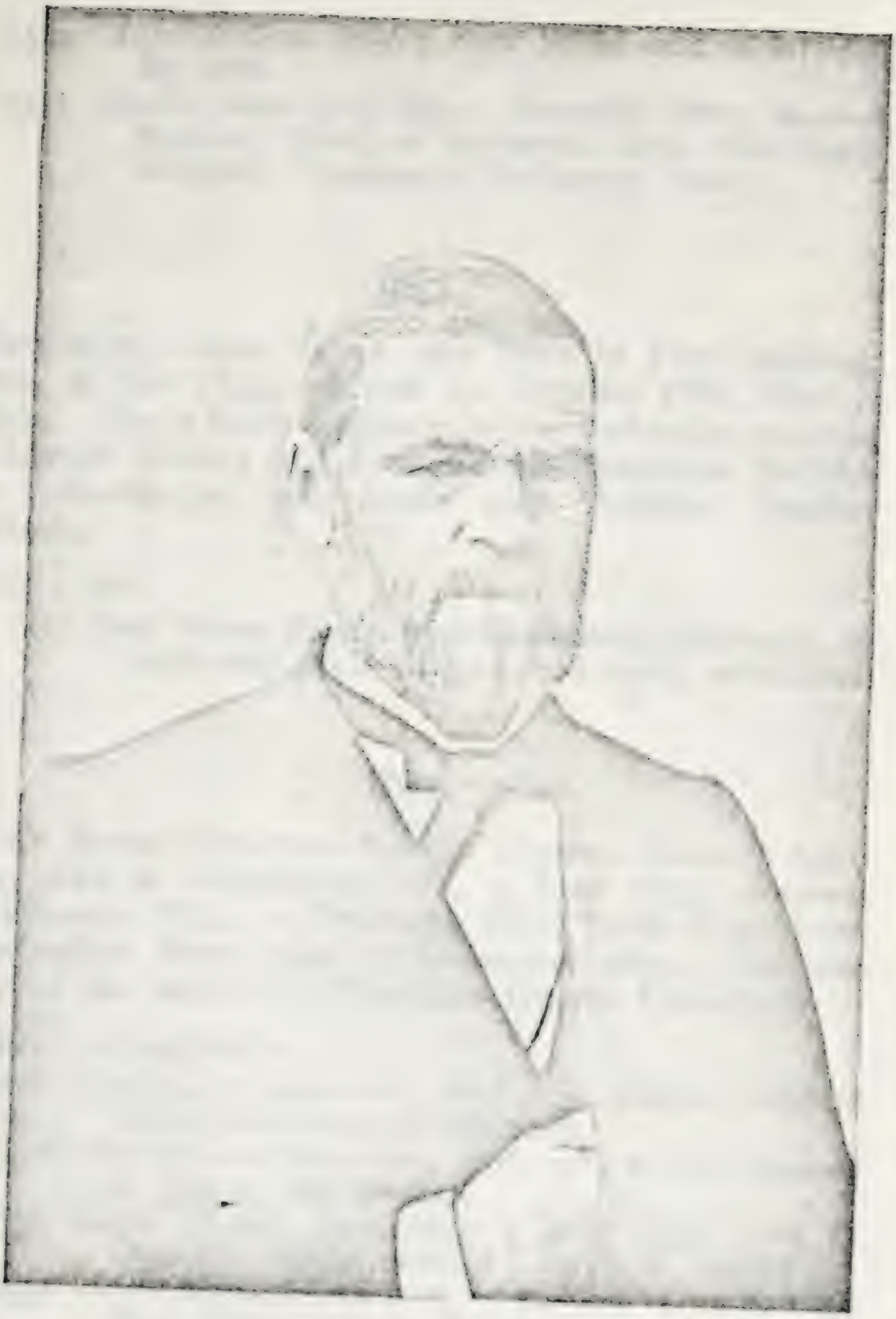
JOHN HENRY GEAR was born in Ithaca, New York, 7 April 1825; died in Washington, D. C., 14 July 1900; married, in Burlington, Iowa, 15 December 1852, Harriet S. Foot.

His family removed to Galena, Ill., in 1836, and two years later to Fort Snelling, then in Iowa, now in Minnesota. He received a common school education, and in 1843 engaged in mercantile business in Burlington, Iowa. In 1863 he was elected mayor of Burlington; was member of the State Legislature, 1870–76, speaker during the last four terms; governor of Iowa from 1878–82; member of Congress from 1887–91; assistant secretary of the Treasury, U. S., in 1892–93; again in Congress from 1893 to 1895; United States Senator from Iowa from 1895 to his death.

Children: 4 daughters:

1552. *Margaret Eliza Gear*, born in Burlington, Iowa, 7 November 1853; married 15 October 1877 J. W. Blythe, born 16 January 1850; died 6 March 1909. Resides 54 East Division St., Chicago, Ill.
1553. *Harriet Gear*, born 27 December 1855; died 8 September 1856.

Gilbert Grey Jr



1554. *Angeline Gear*, born 3 April 1860; died 10 September 1861.

1555. *Ruth Graham Gear*, born 1 November 1862; married Horace S. Rand, of Burlington, Iowa, who is now deceased. Resides in Burlington, Iowa.

1033

GERTRUDE IRENE GEAR was born in Fort Snelling, Minn., 9 July 1849; married 12 October 1881 John J. Stubbs. She is State Registrar of the Nebraska societies of Colonial Dames and Daughters of American Revolution. Residence: 108 South 28th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *Jesse Gilbert Stubbs*, born in Oakland, Nebraska, 28 September 1882; died 18 May 1918; unmarried.

1039

JOHN AVERY GERE was born in Chester, Mass., 8 April 1799; died in Shickshinny, Pa., 3 June 1874; married in Baltimore, Md., 23 February 1831, Sarah Neal, born 1 December 1801; died 13 December 1891. She was sister of the mother of President Grover Cleveland.

Children: 6 daughters:

1556. *Mary Gere*, born ——; died ——; married Edward Clinton Thomas, of Baltimore.

1557. *Harriet Gere*, born ——; died ——; married Samuel C. Jayne. Six children.

+ 1558. *Sarah Frances Gere*, born 3 June 1834; died 13 December 1918; married Carville H. Carson.

1559. *Laura Matilda Gere*, born ——; died ——; married Rev. Albert Duncan Yocum. A son, Albert D. Yocum, is professor in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

+ 1560. *Elizabeth Augusta Gere*, born 21 November 1835; died 22 September 1906; married Rev. J. L. Shipley.

+ 1561. *Alverda Gere*, born 11 October 1844; married George B. Thompson.

1040

HORATIO NELSON GERE was born in Norwich, Mass., 2 April 1802; died in Table Rock, Nebraska, 3 November 1862; married in Chenango County, New York, 15 January 1834, Juliana Delay Grant, born in Smyrna, New York. (See Grant Genealogy.)

Children: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

1562. *John Loring Gere*, born 22 August 1836; died 6 June 1837.

+ 1563. *Charles Henry Gere*, born 18 February 1838; died in 1904; married Mariel Elizabeth Clapham.

1564. *Julia Maria Gere*, born 5 October 1840; died 14 April 1859.

+ 1565. *John Nelson Gere*, born 18 August 1842; died 9 May 1870; married Lydia A. Giddings.

1566. *Hannah Jane Gere*, born 24 August 1845; died 18 July 1857.

+ 1567. *George Grant Gere*, born 27 December 1848; died 29 December 1918; married Sarah J. Wood.

There was also a son, *Horatio Nelson*, born 18 September, died 19 September 1834.

1044

AMOS WOODWARD GEER was born in the town of Floyd, Oneida County, New York, 28 October 1821; died in Racine, Wis., 5 October 1884; married in Utica, New York, 4 July 1848, Catherine Jones, born in Wales 25 November 1827.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1568. *Franklin Taylor Geer*, born 7 November 1849; died 8 September 1921; married Mary E. Van Loon.

1073

EZRA BENONI GEER was born in Avon, Ohio, 28 January 1847; married in Tabor, Iowa, 15 June 1876, Lucy Jane Spees, born in Cass Lake Mission, Minn., 19 August 1854.

He graduated at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, Mus. B. Director of Conservatory of Music 43 years, since

then doing private teaching. Church chorister and director of choral societies nearly 50 years. Organized, and directed the Conservatory of Tabor College, Iowa, for 17 years. Also was at Gates College Conservatory, Neligh, Neb. Organized and directed the Conservatory at Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama. Residence: Claremont, California.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1569. *Elvira Estelle Geer*, born 18 April 1883; married in Eureka, Kansas, 28 August 1903, Rev. Thomas Arthur Dungan. No issue. Graduate of Weeping Water Academy; two years' classical course, Amity College, Iowa; also graduate Conservatory of Music, degree Mus. B., voice, violin, piano, and theory. She lives 416 East Broadway, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

+ 1570. *Ezra Harold Geer*, born 5 March 1886; married Ednah W. Phelps.

1074

Francis Heman Geer was born in Conneautville, Penn., 18 December 1848; married (1) in Rock Creek, Ohio, 24 March 1872, Alice Melissa Howard, born there 10 March 1852; died 9 September 1909; married (2) 27 June 1910 Mrs. Mary H. Ellis.

He graduated Oberlin College, 1871, A. B.; Ohio Medical College, M. D. 1877; A. M. from Olivet, Michigan. Practiced medicine for thirty years. Coroner of Platte County, Neb., 1885. Mayor of Leigh, Neb., three terms. Member American Medical Society, Illinois; State Medical, Nebraska; Masonic, Odd Fellows. Resides at Claremont, California.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1571. *Ella Geer*, born 11 February 1873; died 1 July 1875.

1572. *Howard Francis Geer*, born 29 July 1878; married ——. Two sons: *Francis H. Geer*, born 10 May 1906; *Marshall W. Geer*, born 30 January 1908. He resides at Columbus, Nebraska.

1082

ALCE M. GEER was born in Peru, Mass., 17 March 1851; married John A. Dickson, of Middlefield, Mass.

Children: 2 sons:

(1) *C. H. Dickson*, born 2 March 1875.
(2) *Lyman A. Dickson*, born 14 August 1878.

1083

ELLEN FRANCEASE GEER was born in Peru, Mass., 5 November 1854; married in Hinsdale, Mass., 11 May 1880, William J. Cross, born in Washington, Mass., 13 July 1843. Residence: Becket, Mass.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Susie Isabel Cross*, born in Becket, Mass., 15 February 1881; married 1 April 1923 Irving W. Frear, of Hinsdale.

1091

ELWIN GEER was born 28 October 1849; married 28 August 1888 Myra Isabel Geer (1084).

Child: 1 son:

1573. *Sherman A. Geer*, born 6 August 1890. He served on Mexican border in 1916, and through the Great War, as lieutenant in 102d Field Signal Battalion, 27th Division, receiving citations for distinguished services.

1100

EMERSON GEER was born in Washington, Mass., 6 April 1835; died in Chicopee, Mass., 13 November 1886; married in Agawam Mary Frances Cushman, born in Becket 25 November 1836; died in Chicopee 5 December 1890.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1574. *William Mahlon Geer*, born in Becket 6 February 1859; died there 6 January 1861.
1575. *George Cushman Geer*, born in Becket 12 September 1860; died there 20 January 1861.

1576. *Georgiana Charlotte Geer*, born in Agawam, Mass., 25 July 1865; married (1) in Chicopee, Mass., 29 October 1884, Elmer Justin Whitaker, born there 7 April 1862; died in Springfield 12 November 1914; married (2) in Springfield 3 November 1917 John Burdett Clark, Jr., born in Springfield 1 November 1865; died there 29 May 1919. No issue. Mrs. G. C. Clark lives at 26 Belvedere Ave., Springfield, Mass.

1102

ADALINE GEER was born in Washington, Mass., 11 December 1841; died in West Springfield, Mass., 4 May 1908; married in Becket, Mass., 2 June 1870, Charles J. Alderman, born in Becket, Mass., 17 December 1844.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Cora Adaline Alderman*, born in Becket, Mass., 23 December 1873; married there 10 October 1893 Arthur G. Jones, born in Becket, Mass., 5 April 1871. Mr. Jones graduated at West Springfield High School 1890. One child: Ralph Arthur Jones, born 23 September 1894. Residence: 376 Main Street, West Springfield, Mass.

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FRANK EMORY GEER was born in Becket, Mass., 24 January 1852; married in Blandford, Mass., 27 May 1814, Nettie Emeline Remington, born in Becket 16 October 1852. His business is the repairing and rebuilding of scales. Address: 32 Moore Street, Springfield, Mass.

Children: 3 sons:

+ 1577. *Adelbert Remington Geer*, born 10 October 1882; married Rachael Vaugh Burdick.

1578. *Wayne Emory Geer*, born 6 May 1885; married Sarah Maria De Wolfe, born 17 November 1884. No issue. He graduated Amherst Agr. College, B.S. Asst. principal East Hartford High School. Address: 159 Burnside Ave., East Hartford, Conn.

+ 1579. *Myron Francis Geer*, born 30 April 1888; married Jessie Almeda Wheeler.

1113

George Wesley Geer was born in Becket, Mass., 12 January 1863; married in Worthington, Mass., 27 February 1889, Mary Eno Witt, born there 15 December 1864. He is a paper manufacturer. Lives in Mittineague, Mass.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1580. *Calvin De Witt Geer*, born 3 May 1890; married Iva Ruth Smith.

1120

Alice Lorella Geer was born 6 September 1860; married 8 October 1891 Frank A. Mecum.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Howard Geer Mecum*, born 14 November 1892.
(2) *Hazel G. Mecum*, born 10 November 1896; died 23 January 1899.

1122

Carrie Bell Geer was born 19 July 1863; married 10 August 1881 Thomas Smithies.

Children: 2 sons:

(1) *Horace Frank Smithies*, born in Becket, Mass., 11 August 1882.
(2) *Harry Clement Smithies*, born 27 October 1886.

1123

Ira Jewett Geer was born in Peru, Mass., 29 May 1858; married in Chicago, Ill., 2 June 1887, Clara Judd Goudy, daughter of Hon. William C. Goudy. She was born in Lewistown, Ill., 26 July 1858.

He graduated at Williams College, A.B. 1882. Taught for one year as head of English Department in Hill School, Pottstown, Penn.; moved to Chicago, admitted to Bar of Illinois in 1885 and has since practiced law in Chicago. He is a member of Illinois State Bar Association; president and director Chicago Nursery and Half-Orphan Asylum; trustee Chicago Academy of Sciences;

trustee and secretary McCormick Theological Seminary; president and member Board of Education Deerfield-Shields Township High School; director Rosehill Cemetery Company; member University Club of Chicago, Exmoor Country Club, Highland Park Club, Zeta Psi Fraternity, Chicago Historical Society, Art Institute, Chicago Academy of Sciences, and Geographical Society of Chicago; also vice-president and director North Shore Trust Company, director Chicago Varnish Company, and many years president of trustees of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago. Residence: 296 Prospect Ave., Highland Park, Ill.

Children: 2 sons:

+ 1581. *William Jewett Geer*, born 25 November 1888; married Jessie Fay Edmundson.

+ 1582. *Raymond Harold Geer*, born 3 December 1896; married Charlotte B. Welch.

1127

George Jarvis Geer was born in Ballston Spa, New York, 25 October 1846; married in New York City 11 June 1873 Louise, daughter of Hon. Henry Horace and Esther (Langdon) Goodman.

He graduated from Columbia College, E. M., in 1868. Manager of B. Priestley & Co., and Courtaulds, Limited; president of Cravenette Co., U.S.A.; life member of Holland Lodge, F. & A. M.; Chamber of Commerce, Museum of Natural History, Church Club. Residence: 23 East 64th Street, New York City.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1583. *Louise Geer*, born 23 May 1874; married Dr. Herbert B. Wilcox.

1584. *George Jarvis Geer*, born in Summit, New Jersey, 12 January 1876. Graduated at Princeton 1897. Banker; asst. vice-president Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and manager Pall Mall office same company, London. Member Ivy Club, Princeton; Racquet & Tennis, New York; National Golf Links of Am., Southampton, Long Island; Bucks, and St. James's clubs, London. Residence: 23 East 64th Street, New York City.

+ 1585. *Marshall Geer*, born 1 October 1877; married Mabel B. Shultz.

+ 1586. *Langdon Geer*, born 23 October 1880; died 20 June 1915; married Dorothy Q. Roosevelt.

1128

William Montague Geer was born in Ballston Spa, New York, 9 April 1848; married in New York City 8 April 1880 Katharine Gridley, eldest daughter of Enos Thompson and Cornelia (Gridley) Throop. She died in 1906.

He graduated Columbia College, A.B. 1869; A.M. 1872; admitted to New York Bar in 1872; graduated General Theological Seminary 1878; degree of S.T.D., Columbia 1916. Ordained deacon in 1878, priest in 1879; assistant to Rev. (afterward Bishop) Henry Y. Satterlee; rector of Zion Church, Wappingers Falls, N. Y., 1878–79; rector of St. John's Church, North Adams, Mass., 1879–80; Christ Church, Oyster Bay, Long Island, 1880–88; assistant minister 1888–94, vicar 1894–1918, St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Parish, New York City. Inaugurated noon-day services, and midnight services (2.30 A.M.) for printers and other night-workers in St. Paul's Chapel; founded first Business Women's Club for stenographers and typewriters and others. Member of N. Y. Churchmen's Association (president, 1898); trustee General Theological Seminary from 1894 to 1913, Society for Promotion of Religion and Learning, New York Diocese, Trinity School and St. Agatha's School of New York City; honorary member of the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club (was its fleet-chaplain, 1900-01); member Century Association. Residence: 110 East 76th Street, New York City.

THIRTY YEARS AT OLD ST. PAUL'S

(From *New York Evening Post*, 2 March 1918.)

"This week's end marks the thirtieth anniversary of the ministry of the Rev. Dr. William Montague Geer at St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Parish, one of the city's landmarks on lower Broadway. Dr. Geer for the greater part of his ministry has been a picturesque figure in the

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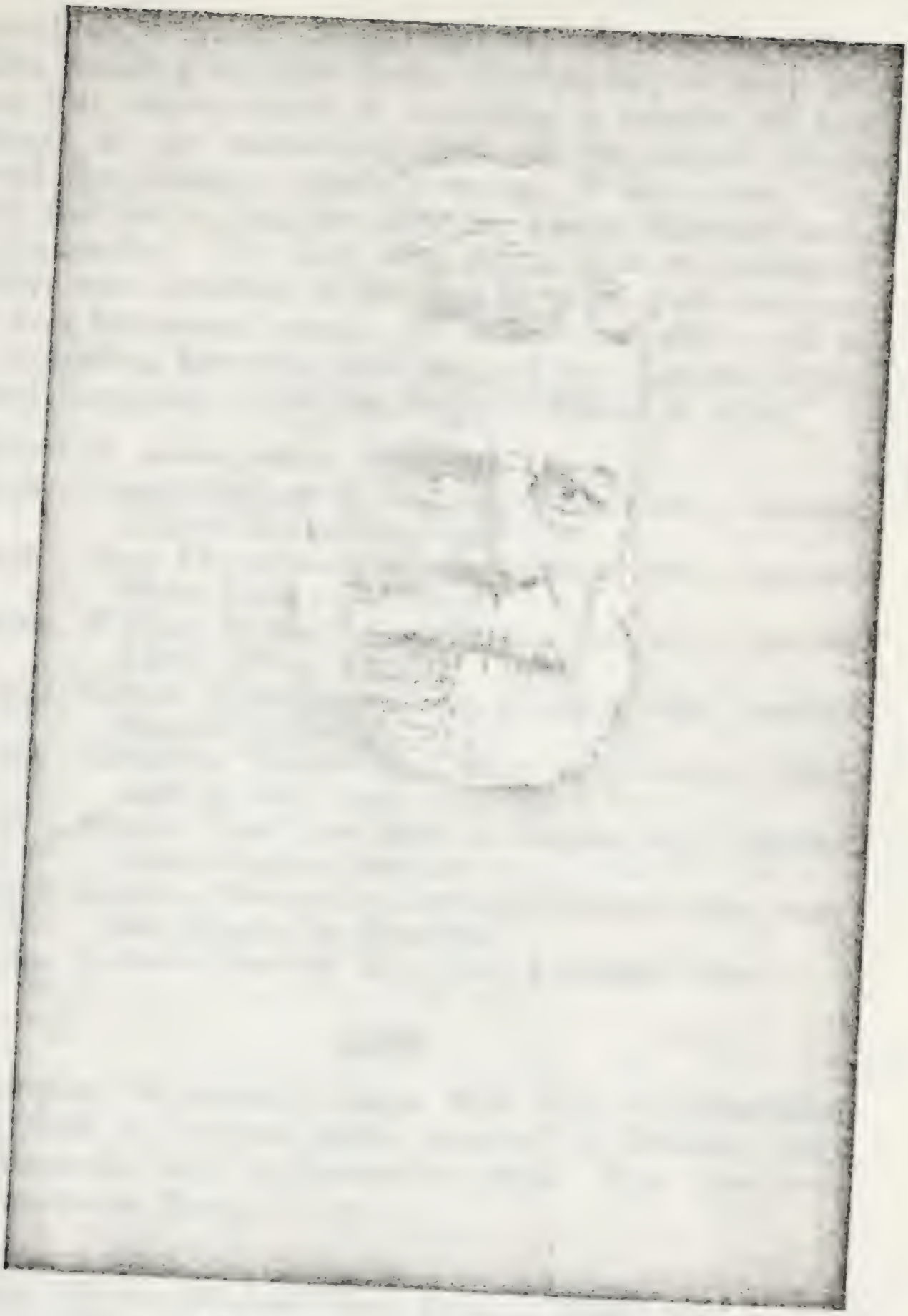

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clerical life of the old chapel, which is said to be the oldest public building in New York. During his ministry Dr. Geer was instrumental in installing a number of new features in the missionary work of the chapel, which served the business men and women of downtown New York and met in large measure the varied religious needs of this section. Dr. Geer, who comes of an ecclesiastical family, was admitted to the bar in 1872, and practiced law here for several years. He had always felt a call to the ministry, however, and entered the General Theological Seminary, receiving deacon's orders in 1878."

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 1587. *Isabel Montague Geer*, born 13 April 1881; married Elliott Hersey Goodwin.
+ 1588. *Enos Throop Geer*, born 6 February 1883; married Mary Savage Cleveland.
+ 1589. *William Montague Geer*, born 24 July 1885; married Edith Jaffray Farr.
+ 1590. *Garrow Throop Geer*, born 26 April 1887; married Marion L. Firth.
1591. *Katharine Throop Geer*, born 14 December 1889; died 23 May 1890.
+ 1592. *Francis Hunt Geer*, born 10 October 1891; married Helen Hartley Jenkins.
+ 1593. *Cornelia Throop Geer*, born 15 February 1894; married Martin Le Boutillier.
1594. *Gertrude Marshall Geer*, born 4 October 1896.

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Herbert Marshall Geer was born 6 September 1850; died 24 August 1906; married 15 October 1885 Ella Simonds, born 11 November 1856. Mrs. Geer lives in Warehouse Point, Conn.

Children: 2 sons:

1595. *Herbert Marshall Geer*, born 25 March 1887.
1596. *Whiting Geer*, born 18 March 1889.

1132

Sarah Grace Geer was born in New York City 3 August 1856; married there 16 October 1889 Dr. Lewis A. Coffin, born in Lisbon, New York, 27 October 1856.

He is a graduate of Union College, 1882; Medical Department, University of the City of New York, 1886. Surgeon of Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. Member of several professional associations, and of the University and Salmagundi clubs, New York. Residence: 407 East 58th Street, New York City.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Grace Coffin*, born 15 October 1890.

(2) *Lewis A. Coffin*, born 24 July 1892. Graduated at Columbia, 1912, and Columbia School of Architecture, 1914. Member of Delta Phi Fraternity.

(3) *George Jarvis Coffin*, born 25 May 1895. Graduated at Williams College, 1917. He is a physician; now at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City.

1136

Alpheus Geer was born in New York City 4 February 1863; married there 1 June 1893 Florence Montague, daughter Clarence H. and Sarah C. (Baldwin) Smith. She was born in New York 8 October 1865.

He is a silk manufacturer. Veteran, Squadron A, New York National Guard Cavalry; member New York Athletic Club, National Arts Club, Yountakah Country Club. Residence: Nutley, N. J.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 1597. *Alpheus Montague Geer*, born 6 July 1894; married (1) Dorothy Lindsey, (2) Mrs. Alice Louise (Abbot) Meredith.

1598. *Margaret Montague Geer*, born 23 May 1896.

1142

Lewis T. Geer was born ——; married 23 November 1881 Anna Merton.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1599. *Effie Eliza Geer*, born 7 October 1881; never married.

1600. *Rufus Merton Geer*, born 13 February 1884; married 22 February 1909 Miriam Anyan. Three sons (Geer): (1) *Rufus Nathaniel*, born 6 January

1912; (2) *Lewis Thadeus*, born 23 May 1914; (3) *William Donald*, born 4 June 1916.

1601. *Irma Agnes Geer*, born 30 April 1886; died 28 March 1918; married 30 May 1908 Winfield Scott Larrison. Three children.

1602. *Russell Lewis Geer*, born 25 October 1887; married 12 February 1912 Ruth Hinson. No issue.

1155

EVERARD GEER was born in Lyons, N. Y., 26 December 1829; married 3 July 1854 Sarah Frances Goewey, born 15 June 1836.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1603. *Harvey Goewey Geer*, born 2 October 1855; married (1) Carrie L. Foland, (2) Clara Belle Hanna.

1164

ASA GEER was born in Hancock County, W. Va., 8 March 1808; died ——; married Frances Barnard Richards, born in Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York, 22 August 1820.

Lived at Oak Run, Hancock County, W. Va.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

1604. *Elliott Wallace Geer*, born 9 January 1842; married 24 January 1866 Naomi Quinn. Two daughters: (1) *Alice*, (2) *Fannie*.

1605. *Burgess Allison Geer*, born 1 July 1844; married 19 June 1872 Lydia Hobbs. Two children: (1) *Asa*; (2) *Carrie*.

1606. *Marion Reason Geer*, born 12 April 1849; married 24 December 1874 Ida B. Scott. Two children: (1) *Edwin*; (2) *Claudia*.

1607. *Emma Alice Geer*, born 30 March 1854; married 2 July 1873 George W. Moore. Two children (Moore): (1) Fanny; (2) George.

1608. *Ella E. Geer*, born 7 September 1856.

1609. *Edwin Herman Geer*, born 8 April 1860; died 27 September 1874.

1176

LEWIS ROBINSON GEER was born in Warren County, Pa., 25 February 1818; died 21 July 1887; married (1) 2 August 1840 Nancy Nesmith, born 25 January 1822; died 17 July 1843; married (2) 24 January 1844 Lura Ann Cogswell, born 17 September 1826; died 22 October 1914.

Children by first wife: 2 sons:

1610. *James Burton Geer*, born 21 June 1841; married (1) 14 May 1865 Cinderella Chapman; (2) Augusta Morris. Two children: *Levi* and *Gertie Geer*.
1611. *John Wesley Geer*, born 20 June 1843; married Jessie Leonhart. One son: *William Geer*.

Children by second wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 1612. *Elliott Newton Geer*, born 9 January 1846; married Frances Blackburn.
1613. *Hattie Marie Geer*, born 20 November 1852; died 14 October 1909; married 25 January 1875 Charles Porter.

1188

GEORGE GEER was born in Worcester, Mass., 28 November 1818; died ——; married (1) in Leicester in April 1842 Mary E. Brummitt, born May 1820; died November 1845; married (2) 23 September 1847 Henrietta Holmes, born 14 February 1823.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

1614. *Mary Josephine Geer*, born 11 March 1845; married 1 October 1868 Frederick Nye. Two children (Nye): (1) Edith Gertrude, born 28 March 1870; (2) George Frederick, born 30 August 1874.
1615. *George Alonzo Geer*, born 9 July 1847; married 22 January 1868 Mary W. Chapin. Two children: (1) *Grace L. Geer*, born 15 March 1873; (2) *Alice M. Geer*, born 25 January 1878.
1616. *Frank J. Geer*, born 19 January 1850.
1617. *H. Gertrude Geer*, born 4 October 1862.
1618. *Walter E. Geer*, born 6 November 1864.

1197

JOHN MARTIN GEER was born in Worcester, Mass., 29 February 1836; married there 7 March 1860 Eliza Jane Lee, born in Barre, Mass., 16 August 1841.

Children: 8, 5 sons and 3 daughters:

1619. *Merrick Stone Geer*, born 5 October 1861.
1620. *Frank Herbert Geer*, born 14 September 1863.
1621. *Fred Lincoln Geer*, born 9 March 1865.
1622. *Annie Elmira Geer*, born 5 January 1868.
1623. *Hattie Josephine Geer*, born 30 May 1870.
1624. *Horace Loomis Geer*, born 14 February 1872.
1625. *George Henry Geer*, born 6 March 1874.
1626. *Nellie Jane Geer*, born 27 November 1877.

1206

GEORGE WASHINGTON GERE was born in Clark County, Ill., 22 March 1843; died in 1910; married 14 October 1867 Mary Helen Lee, born in Marysville, Ohio, 6 October 1843.

Educated at public schools, Urbana, Ill.; graduated Chicago Law School, LL.B. 1865; in practice with General John C. Black 1870–75. Member Ill. State Bar Association. Resided Champaign, Ill.

Children: 2 daughters:

1627. *Eva Gere*, born 10 September 1868.
1628. *Clara Gere*, born 18 July 1876.

1217

WARREN BENTON GERE was born in Darwin, Ill., 28 January 1842; married 18 December 1867 Jennie Thompson, born 15 March 1848.

During the Civil War he served for three years as private in Co. K, 25th Ill. Vol. Infantry.

Children: 3 sons:

1629. *Edward E. Gere*, born 8 November 1868.
1630. *Warren Benton Gere*, born 23 January 1871.
1631. *Ross E. Gere*, born 25 August 1875.

1226

EUGENE ALBERT GEER was born in Galva, Ill., 16 August 1856; married 15 September 1879 Sarah Ellen Heath, born in Stanstead, Canada, 2 April 1863.

Children: 2 daughters:

1632. *Harriet Oliver Geer*, born 21 October 1881.
1633. *Ethel May Geer*, born 10 October 1887; married L. N. Brady. Three children (Brady): Laurence, Howard, Grace.

1228

GEORGE TISDALE GEER was born 5 September 1822; died ——; married 17 May 1860 Semantha Ann Neff.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1634. *Lucy B. Geer*, born 12 September 1867.
1635. *Nellie M. Geer*, born 18 September 1869.
1636. *George Tisdale Geer*, born 19 September 1876.

1241

ALBERT LABERGE GEER was born in Hamilton, New York, 28 December 1849; married in Hartford, Conn., 12 May 1873 Alice Italia Hunt of South Manchester, Conn. She was born in Otis, Mass., 7 January 1854.

He graduated at Union Academy, Belleville, N. Y., 1867. In December 1868, he enlisted in 10th U.S. Infantry; served on the Plains three years, and was discharged with rank of sergeant. With South Manchester Railroad Company from 1871; superintendent in 1879. Mason.

Child: 1 son:

1637. *Frederick Porter Geer*, born 14 September 1875.

1242

AMOS MORGAN GEER was born 2 June 1826; died 6 April 1884; married 4 June 1851 Melissa Rossiter Pierson, born 24 July 1831.

During the Civil War he served a year in Co. A, 23d Conn. Vols. Residence: 21 Arch St., Waterbury, Conn.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1638. *Eva Melissa Geer*, born 19 January 1853; died 5 December 1868.

1639. *Grace Mabel Geer*, born 5 January 1869; died 24 December 1903; married 16 June 1891 Karl L. Winter. Three children (Winter): (1) Eva, born 1 July 1892; died 16 August 1893; (2) Hazel Grace, born 16 January 1896; (3) Ralph Karl, born 18 October 1900.

(There were also a son, *Willie*, born and died in September 1855, and a daughter, *Eila Augustine*, born 24 February 1862, died 26 August 1863.)

1256

Robert Clinton Geer was born in Goshen, Conn., 10 October 1840; married in Sharon, Conn., 20 April 1881, Gertrude Baldwin, daughter of Robert Worthington Smith, M.D. She died in New York 23 March 1919. His business is the management of estates. Residence: 145 East 35th Street, New York City.

Child: 1 daughter:

1640. *Gertrude Livingston Geer*, born 1 January 1884; died in September 1884.

1262

Amos Wight Geer was born 24 September 1843; died ——; married 25 December 1867 Mary E. Lloyd, born 9 April 1843.

In the Civil War he enlisted 7 May 1864 in Co. E, 130th Ohio N. G. Was discharged at Toledo in September 1864.

Children: 2 sons:

+ 1641. *Frank Hamilton Geer*, born 6 November 1869; married Mary E. Summerskill.

1642. *Edward Lloyd Geer*, born 30 March 1872; died ——.

1271

Isaac Gallup Geer was born 24 July 1848; married in Gales Ferry, Conn., 4 January 1888, Amanda Chase, daughter James H. and Mary Augusta (Allyn) Belden, born 8 March 1864.

He was educated in the common schools. He is a farmer, owning the old Amos Geer place; has held various town and church offices; was member of the Connecticut Legislature in 1914. Residence: Norwich, Conn.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 1643. *Earl Belden Geer*, born 10 August 1890; married Anna A. Blatherwick.

+ 1644. *Florence Allyn Geer*, born 1 January 1896; married Ernest E. Smith.

1272

Prudence Emma Geer was born in Ledyard 26 July 1850; died 25 April 1901; married in Ledyard 18 March 1874 Nathan, son of Christopher Milton Gallup. He was born in Ledyard 13 October 1848; died 18 February 1908. Lived in St. Paul, Minn.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

(1) *Julia Anna Gallup*, born 27 November 1875; died 18 February 1921; married 25 January 1913 John M. Harrison, of Minneapolis. Two children (Harrison): (a) John Gallup, born 11 March 1916; (b) Martha Nanette, born 26 May 1917.

(2) *Milton Allyn Gallup*, born 4 February 1877; married 12 October 1904 Anne Durfee. Two children (Gallup): (a) Prudence Anne, born 25 September 1905; (b) Milton Allyn, born 16 November 1909.

(3) *Nellie Martha Gallup*, born 16 March 1880.

1277

Christopher Morris Gere was born in Montrose, Pa., 10 May 1849; married 17 February 1870 Eloise F. Guinnip, born 5 November 1852.

Child: 1 son:

1645. *Edwin Morgan Gere*, born 12 March 1872.

1278

Robert Geer was born on the "Geer Homestead" in Ledyard, 23 March 1837; died in Albany, New York, 22 May 1901; married (1) in Belle Isle, near Syracuse,

New York, 10 October 1860, Mary Sophia Gere, born in Belle Isle 23 November 1837; died in Syracuse 21 June 1868; daughter of William Stanton Gere and Lovisa Brewster Gere. He married (2), in Jordan, New York, 20 October 1869, Rhoda Kellogg Shedd, born 7 February 1837; died in Albany 12 December 1882. He married (3) 23 April 1884 Mrs. Julia (Richmond) Cass, born 13 July 1846.

He was educated in public schools at Norwich; druggist at Norwich and Syracuse, N. Y., until 1865, after that a wholesale dealer in salt in Albany, N. Y., until his death. President of Board of Trade, and a bank director. Residence: 33 South Pine Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

Children by first wife: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1646. *Frederic Lewis Geer*, born in Syracuse 24 November 1861; married in Albany 12 November 1884 Mabel H. French, born in Bath (now Rensselaer) 16 April 1861. No issue. He is a wholesale salt dealer. Residence: 922 Park Ave., Albany, N. Y.

+ 1647. *Clara Lovisa Geer*, born 12 August 1863; married Dr. William F. Gilroy.

Child by second wife: 1 son:

1648. *Arthur Hamilton Geer*, born in Albany 13 December 1873; married there 22 April 1896 Hannah Louise Terrell, born in Albany 9 March 1874. No issue. He is treasurer of Home Savings Bank, Albany. Member F. & A. M.; Society of Founders of Norwich (Conn.); Wolfert's Roost Country Club, and Fort Orange Club, Albany. Residence: 41 Manning Boulevard (South), Albany, N. Y.

1282

Thomas Henry Geer was born 3 September 1840; married 30 June 1868 Fanny Halsey Brewster, daughter of Hon. John and Mary Esther (Williams) Brewster, born 14 September 1845.

Insurance business. President Thomas H. Geer Co.; secy. Triton S.S. Co.; prest. and secy. Cleveland Life Underwriters Assn.; secy. Life Underwriters Assn. of

Ohio; prest. Cleveland Board of Underwriters; director Cleveland Humane Society; vestryman Trinity Cathedral. Member Cleveland Athletic Club and Union Club. Residence: 1873 East 84th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Child: 1 daughter:

1649. *Mary Brewster Geer*, born 11 November 1870; married Edwin L. Thurston. One son: Thomas Brewster Thurston, born 9 May 1899, now a student in Kenyon College.

1283

ALBERT DAVIS GEER was born 20 October 1842; died in Binghamton, N. Y., 14 August 1910; married, in North Fenton, N. Y., 11 February 1874, Alice C., daughter of Matthew and Harriet M. (De Monstoy) Cook, born 24 December 1849.

He was engaged in mercantile business in Unadilla, and later in Binghamton, New York. Member New England History Society (Binghamton).

Child: 1 son:

1650. *Harold Matthew Geer*, born in Unadilla, N. Y., 5 February 1883; died in Binghamton 17 May 1913; married in Binghamton 12 May 1909 Pearl Sophia Warner, born 7 October 1890.

1285

MARIA ADALIZA GEER was born in Ledyard 29 December 1850; married, in Poquetanuck, Conn., 18 October 1871, John Denison Brewster, son of John and Mary Esther (Williams) Brewster. He was born in Ledyard 29 January 1843; died 30 April 1894.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Clara Louise Brewster*, born 8 May 1878; married in Norwich 29 April 1901 James Morton, Jr. Five children (Morton): (a) John Brewster; (b) Geer; (c) Mary Howells; (d) William Brewster; (e) Helen.

(2) *Arthur Morgan Brewster*, born 11 May 1880; married 20 January 1923 Gladys D. White.

1288

SAMUEL LEONARD GEER was born in Griswold, Conn., 5 August 1840; died there 6 February 1918; married there 1 March 1881 Ella Jane Wilcox, born in Griswold 27 August 1857.

Children: 3 sons:

+ 1651. *Samuel Leonard Geer*, born 7 December 1881; married Grace Huntington.
+ 1652. *Frank Wilcox Geer*, born 5 December 1883; married Ursula M. Paten.
1653. *John Wheeler Geer*, born in Griswold 10 April 1886; died there 7 July 1900, accidentally drowned while bathing.

1289

HARRIET PAULINA GEER was born 23 January 1843; died 24 March 1908; married 22 March 1865 Charles Harrison Kinne, born 26 October 1840; died 14 June 1922. (See Brewster Genealogy.)

Children: 8, 6 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Elbridge Lincoln Kinne*, born 14 December 1865; married 6 January 1900 Edith Alice Grant.
(2) *Mary Louisa Kinne*, born 25 March 1868.
(3) *John Tyler Kinne*, born 1 October 1872; married 2 July 1892 Sarah Tootill. Three children.
(4) *Dwight Denison Kinne*, born 9 August 1875.
(5) *Harriet Rosaltha Kinne*, born 20 January 1878; married 16 March 1896 Simeon R. Philips. Two children.
(6) *Henry Erastus Kinne*, born 22 July 1880; died 26 August 1895.
(7) *Charles Harrison Kinne*, born 31 May 1882.
(8) *William Palmer Kinne*, born 12 July 1885.

1290

LOUISA ADELAIDE GEER was born 18 January 1847; died 4 October 1884; married 19 May 1873 Dwight Baldwin Olin.

Children: 3 sons:

(1) *Charles Leonard Olin*, born 2 February 1874; died 12 September 1919.
(2) *Samuel Geer Olin*, born 19 August 1877.
(3) *Daniel Rathbone Olin*, born 27 June 1884.

1291

ALBERT STANTON GEER was born in Griswold, Conn., 2 October 1858; married in Voluntown 12 October 1886 Edith Estelle, daughter of Orrin Young. She was born in Griswold 7 January 1866.

He is a photographer. Graduate of Illinois College of Photography.

Residences: Three Rivers, Mass., and Block Island, summers, and Palm Beach, Florida, winters.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1654. *Robert Leonard Geer*, born 10 August 1887; married Natalie F. Ellis.

1292

EDWARD AUSTIN GEER was born in Griswold 5 January 1861; died there 2 April 1918; married in Sterling, Conn., 26 October 1887, Margaret, daughter of Albert Frink. She was born 6 September 1860.

He owned a farm which had been in the Geer family over 240 years, and which is now the property of his son Harold.

Resided in Griswold, Conn.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1655. *Bertha Louise Geer*, born 29 July 1889. Not married.
+ 1656. *Harold Frink Geer*, born 28 May 1892; married Gladys G. Gallup.
1657. *Clarence Edward Geer*, born 7 September 1894; died 17 March 1912.

1293

HENRY DENISON GEER was born in Griswold 6 February 1863; married (1) 1 January 1889 in Niantic, Conn., Jennie, daughter of Henry Willis. She was born

in Groton 8 January 1867; died 30 October 1890. He married (2) 25 March 1891 Carrie Annie, daughter of Isaac Northrope. She was born in Groton 8 March 1875. He is a farmer and fruit grower. Residence: Three Rivers, Mass.

Child by first wife: 1 daughter:

+ 1658. *Jennie Lucy Geer*, born 15 June 1890; married Alphonse C. Abare.

Children by second wife: 2 sons:

+ 1659. *Everett Austin Geer*, born 17 March 1894; married Alice E. Banister.

+ 1660. *James Clifford Geer*, born 30 August 1897; married Inez R. Tannebring.

1294

Joseph Tyler Geer was born in Griswold, Conn., 5 October 1865; married in Uncasville 21 November 1888 Sadie Eveline, daughter of Joseph Jared Wood. She was born in Uncasville 17 October 1867. He is a farmer and fruit grower. Residence: South Belchertown, Mass.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1661. *Joseph Wood Geer*, born 3 October 1889; died 28 November 1889.

+ 1662. *Mabel Geer*, born 22 March 1891; married Albert Roscoe Jenks.

+ 1663. *Alice Geer*, born 28 August 1893; married Gaston Edward Labouteley.

1664. *Herbert Leroy Geer*, born 27 July 1898.

1295

Romain Lottie Geer was born in Cortland, N. Y., 12 June 1858; died at Oakwood, Cayuga County, 10 January 1918; married 4 December 1878 Wallace W. Shank.

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

(1) *Anna Belle Shank*, born 26 September 1879. Address: 79 Coligni Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

(2) *Myra Louise Shank*, born 12 November 1880; married 11 June 1914 Robert Allen Armstrong. He is head of English Department in West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. Address: 732

University Terrace, Morgantown, W. Va. Three children (Armstrong): (a) Roberta Jean, born 9 December 1915; (b) Barbara Allen, born 29 June 1917; (c) Keith Stuart, born 7 November 1918.

(3) *Charles Rowley Shank*, born 7 February 1882; married 3 September 1907 Emma C. Yawger. One son: Philip Geer Shank, born 12 December 1911.

(4) *Wallace Edwin Shank*, born 4 March 1883; died 11 September 1884.

(5) *Edith Romain Shank*, born 28 November 1884; married 8 August 1917 Arthur Wilson Armistead of Aurora, N. Y. Two children (Armistead): (a) Donald Arthur, born 20 March 1919; (b) Constance Romain, born 29 January 1922.

(6) *Karl Rupert Shank* (twin), born 23 June 1889; married 23 June 1922 Eva Skillett.

(7) *Maurice Earle Shank* (twin), born 23 June 1889; died 14 September 1890.

1296

Cyrus Stark Geer was born 29 June 1838; died 9 April 1887; married 3 September 1873 Mary Elizabeth York, born 3 October 1856.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1665. *David Henry Geer*, born 6 September 1874; died 9 December 1922; married Bertha L. Kelsey.

1666. *Edith May Geer*, born 11 May 1878; married 14 March 1896 A. W. Parsons, Jr. Lives at Jamaica Villa Park, Long Island.

1667. *Theron Stark Geer*, born April 1881; married ——. Lives 9 Park St., Middletown, Conn.

1298

Charles Franklin Geer was born 21 November 1842; died 26 March 1920; married (1) 21 November 1871 Elizabeth Prudence Wightman, born 21 November 1837; died 2 April 1900; married (2) 11 February 1920 Mary Ann (Geer) Welch (1440). No children. (See also 1440.)

He was a member of Company C, 18th Connecticut

Volunteer Infantry; enlisted 5 August 1862, and was honorably discharged at Harper's Ferry 27 June 1865. Soon after his return to his home in Lebanon he took up the merchandising line of business, which he followed for many years.

Address of Mrs. Geer: 76 West Town St., Norwichtown, Conn.

1299

JOSEPH NELSON GEER was born in Lebanon, Conn., 4 December 1847; died 11 April 1912; married 18 March 1874 Julia Elizabeth Manning, daughter of Jabez Perkins and Martha Taylor (Robinson) Manning. She was born in Lebanon 18 August 1856.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1668. *Charles Manning Geer*, born 19 November 1875; married Ola Caroline Peck.

1669. *Eunice Elsie Geer*, born 23 January 1880; married 30 November 1909 Arthur John Stevens, son of Isaac B. and Sarah H. (Breed) Stevens. He was born in East Pepperell, Mass., 16 August 1877. Resides in Providence. One child: Ruth Elizabeth Stevens, born 17 April 1913.

1670. *Elmer Nelson Geer*, born 11 June 1889; married 14 August 1918 Myrtle A. Lombard. He was member of the State Assembly 1923.

1671. *Clarence Gallup Geer*, born 11 April 1893; married 21 October 1922 Helen B. Wetmore. He and his brother Elmer are very successful farmers on a large scale.

1300

WILLIAM CYRUS GERE was born in Syracuse 10 October 1840; died ——; married 21 January 1868 Janette Smith, born in Franklin, Conn., 14 May 1848; died in Syracuse 4 September 1876.

He was a dealer in grain at Syracuse.

Children: 2 daughters:

1672. *Mary Jane Gere*, born 8 January 1870.

1673. *Hattie Elizabeth Gere*, born 21 January 1872.

1303

MARY ELIZABETH GERE was born in Syracuse, N. Y., 21 June 1850; married there 25 October 1871 Iram Colba Reed, son of Philetus Reed and Mary More Brewster, born 23 November 1846.

Children: 4 daughters:

(1) *Clara Gere Reed*, born 3 June 1873; married 21 April 1897 William Leverette Morgan, of Rome, N. Y. Lives in Newark, N. J.
(2) *Mary Frances Reed*, born 10 September 1875.
(3) *Florence Reed*, born 17 January 1879.
(4) *Christina Elizabeth Reed*, born 5 December 1885.

1306

ERASTUS STANTON GEER was born 6 March 1845; died 6 December 1910; married 27 March 1872 Grace Elizabeth Sherman, born 18 March 1854.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1674. *George Stanton Geer*, born 4 November 1873; died 1 August 1894.
+ 1675. *Florence Elizabeth Geer*, born 20 August 1880; married William Enoch Bulkley.

1307

WILLIAM SMITH GEER was born 20 May 1849; died 16 August 1923; married 13 March 1878 Nellie L. Wightman, born 24 November 1860.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1676. *Howard Wightman Geer*, born 4 September 1883; married Anna Sophia Hermanson.

1309

WILLIAM HAMILTON GEER was born at "Oakland Farm," Lebanon, Conn., 15 March 1853; died 19 May 1922; married in Norwich 14 February 1906 Martha Smith Allyn, daughter of Calvin and Eunice Ann Raymond (Ames) Allyn. She was born in Montville 9 February 1875.

They lived at "Oakland Farm," Lebanon, Conn., until 1915, and after that at 334 Washington St., Norwich, Conn.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1677. *William Allyn Geer*, born 12 January 1907.
1678. *Harriet Allyn Geer*, born 29 April 1909.

1310

Ida Amelia Gere was born in Geddes, New York, 15 December 1856; married in Manlius 8 March 1883 Herbert A. Adams, born in DeWitt 7 November 1858. Resides at Manlius, New York.

Children: 3 daughters:

(1) *Lovisa Catharine Adams*, born 20 June 1885; married 25 November 1909 Fred Duel Ward, of Savona, N. Y. Two daughters (Ward): (a) Catharine Mary, born 6 June 1911; (b) Hazel Ellen, born 6 January 1916.

(2) *Clara King Adams*, born 2 July 1886; married 16 October 1915 Clarence Henry Wall, of Savona, N. Y. Two sons (Wall): (a) Herbert Adams, born 17 August 1918; (b) Claude Gere, born 18 July 1920. Mr. Wall is a professor in Delhi Agricultural School.

(3) *Ida Ethel Adams*, born 5 March 1888; married 1 October 1914 Gardner P. Harter, of Manlius. They both graduated at Syracuse University.

1312

Ira McCartey Gere was born in South Granby, N. Y., 12 November 1852; married 28 January 1879 Mary Peck, daughter of Edwin Peck. She was born in Warners, N. Y., 2 June 1855; died 28 July 1897.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1679. *William Peck Gere*, born 12 March 1881; married Mary Gertrude Gardner.
+ 1680. *Marcus Edwin Gere*, born 26 June 1883; married Harriette Kellogg.
1681. *Mary Helen Gere*, born 8 December 1886; died 14 March 1894.

1313

JUSTUS TOWNSEND GERE was born in South Granby, N. Y., 28 June 1857; married there 8 January 1885 Emma Whitcomb, born in South Granby.

Residence: Fayetteville, N. Y.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1682. *Robert Whitcomb Gere*, born in South Granby 26 November 1886; married Laura Bradley. Lives in Springfield, Mass.

1683. *Mary Eleanor Gere*, born in South Granby 9 October 1894; married Charles T. Lewis. Two sons (Lewis): (1) Harold Gere, born 25 July 1917; (2) Robert Charles, born 6 August 1921. Address, R.F.D., Fulton, N. Y.

1314

ROBERT HOLMES GERE was born in South Granby, N. Y., 4 June 1859; married in Syracuse 25 April 1893 Harriet W. Sexsmith, born in Selby, Ontario, 15 April 1861; died in Syracuse 13 November 1910.

He was educated at Syracuse University, Ph.D. 1883; Ph.M. 1888; LL.B. 1898. Engaged in newspaper work at Syracuse 1884–96; admitted to bar 1889; firm of Gere & Church, lawyers. Clubs: Citizens, Social and Literary, Country, Syracuse; Onondaga County Bar Association.

Residence: 117 East Beard Ave.; office, University Block, Syracuse, N. Y.

Child: 1 daughter:

1684. *Katharine Townsend Gere*, born in Syracuse 6 August 1894; married in Stony Brook, Long Island, 19 September 1921, John K. Sanford. She was educated at Wellesley College, B.A. 1916; Columbia University, M.A. 1920. Resides in New York City.

1319

WILLIAM ANSON GERE was born in the town of Camillus, Onondaga Company, N. Y., 3 September 1860; married there 4 June 1890 Caroline Munro, sister of Harriet, who married his brother James (1320). She was born in Camillus 4 November 1863.

He graduated at Syracuse University, A.B. 1884. Manager Solar Salt Works, 1882–1912; civil engineer, Solvay Village, 1894–95; N. Y. State Canals, 1896–98; assistant city engineer, Syracuse, 1899–1913; deputy city engineer, 1916–22. Elder Amboy Parish Church, 1894–1913; and South Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, 1914– . Member Psi Upsilon fraternity. Residence: 301 East Kennedy St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1685. *Helen Sophronia Gere*, born 8 April 1891; married 8 May 1918 Virgil P. Haigh. Lives at 606 Beattie Street, Syracuse, N. Y.

1686. *William Stanton Gere*, born 28 July 1894. Three years at Syracuse University. Civil Engineer. Psi Upsilon. During Great War was sergeant in Co. A, 102d Administration Trans. 27th Division.

1687. *Marian Wotmuth Gere*, born 29 November 1895; married 18 August 1921 Robert Belden McFarland. She graduated Syracuse University, A.B. 1919. Member Alpha Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. Lives in Tucson, Arizona.

1688. *Emily Munro Gere*, born 27 December 1898. Graduated Syracuse University, B.S. 1922. Member Alpha Phi. Teacher in Tucson, Arizona.

1320

James Brewster Gere was born in Belle Isle, N. Y., 14 August 1867; married there 1 November 1894 Harriet Munro, daughter of Henry S. and Sophronia W. Munro. She was born 16 June 1867. Her sister Caroline married William Anson Gere (1319).

He was educated at Syracuse High School. He is president of Gere & Co., Inc., coal dealers, and is vice-president of the Onondaga Brick and Tile Co.; member of the Citizens Club; Masons; Elks. Residence: 1802 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1689. *Wendell Gere*, born 28 September 1897. He enlisted April 1917, and served in the 109th Machine Gun Battalion, 27th Division, in France from May 1918 to the signing of the Armistice.

+ 1690. *James Brewster Gere*, born 17 June 1900; married Helen Nurnberger.
1691. *Caroline Gere*, born 25 May 1902.
1692. *Donald Kerr Gere*, born 27 December 1903.

1324

ROBERT WARD GERE was born in Syracuse 4 September 1854; died in Fabius, N. Y., 13 September 1902; married 27 September 1876 Emma Legg Becker, born 27 July 1856. Lived in Syracuse.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

1693. *Laura Ellen Gere*, born 13 July 1877.
1694. *Robert Nelson Gere*, born 27 June 1879; died 6 July 1902.
+ 1695. *Charles Bissell Gere*, born 11 November 1881; married Sophie Smith.
+ 1696. *Edith Gere*, born 25 September 1884; married J. J. Parsons.
1697. *Eunice Mappa Gere*, born 7 June 1890; died 1 May 1891.

1326

MARTHA TYLER GERE was born in Syracuse 14 December 1859; married 29 June 1880 Edmund Ashley Hudson, born 12 August 1854. She graduated at Wells College.

Resides: 352 West Onondaga St., Syracuse.

Children: 2 daughters:

(1) *Anna Sophia Hudson*, born 9 June 1881; married 23 October 1907 Linus Worthington Bagg, M.D., F.A.C.S. She graduated at Smith College, B.A. 1904. He graduated at Syracuse University, M.D. 1904. He is a surgeon on the staff of the Presbyterian Hospital, Newark, N.J. Residence: 712 Clinton Avenue, Newark. One daughter (Bagg): (a) Barbara Hudson, born 14 September 1910.

(2) *Jennette Ashley Hudson*, born 14 August 1885; married 19 October 1909 Leon Frederick Smith. Resides 810 Maryland Avenue, Syracuse. Two children (Smith): (a) Martha Hudson, born 22 April 1912; (b) Hudson Ashley, born 3 June 1916.

1327

IRVING NELSON GERE was born in Syracuse 3 March 1862; married there 8 April 1885 Frances Groves Kent, born in Syracuse 17 April 1864.

He graduated at Hamilton College 1884. Treasurer of Way-Cleanse Corp., mfrs. vacuum street cleaners. Theta Delta Chi. Club: Citizens, Syracuse.

Residence: 707 Allen Street, Syracuse.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1698. *Ward Nelson Gere*, born 17 December 1886; married Mary C. Whitehead.

+ 1699. *Edwin Clarence Gere*, born 12 July 1889; married Evalee Moore.

1700. *Frances Kent Gere*, born 11 November 1897. She is now an art student at the Boston (Mass.) Art Museum.

1328

ALICE BELDEN GERE was born in Geddes, New York, 5 December 1863; married in Syracuse 23 June 1887 Harry H. Terry, born in Saginaw, Michigan, 2 April 1861; died in Akron, Ohio, 25 February 1889. Resides in Camillus, New York, R.F.D. 1.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Gertrude Loomis Terry*, born 5 December 1888; married 16 December 1911 R. J. Probasco, born 14 September 1888. One child (Probasco): (a) John Terry, born 17 March 1917.

(There was also an infant daughter, born and died 24 November 1915.)

1329

DAVID MANZER GERE was born in Geddes, New York, 25 June 1865; married in Belle Isle 22 October 1890 Sara Sophronia Munro, born in Belle Isle 17 July 1865.

Educated at Syracuse High School and Cazenovia Seminary. Life insurance business until 1895; general trucking to 1918. President Board of Trustees Geddes Cong. Church; Central City Lodge, 305, F. & A. M.

Residence: 611 Willis Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1701. *Howard Munro Gere*, born 22 March 1893; married Marion L. Clark.

1702. *David Manzer Gere*, born 17 April 1895; died 15 November 1896.

1703. *Sophia Stanton Gere*, born 17 November 1897; died 23 February 1916.

1330

Sophia Stanton Gere was born in Geddes, New York, 22 September 1867; married in Syracuse 20 December 1893 William Plaisted Westfall, born in Syracuse 17 July 1866.

Resides 940 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *William Gere Westfall*, born in St. Paul 7 July 1896.

1331

George Edgar Gere was born in Geddes, New York, 31 August 1873; married in Syracuse 12 November 1901 Alice Josephine Oliver, born in Oswego, N. Y., 25 November 1873.

He was educated in grade schools Syracuse, and Peekskill Military Academy. Manager safe deposit vaults of Capital Trust & Savings Bank, St. Paul. President Minn. Safe Deposit Assn. Member Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Masons. Moved to Minnesota November 1898.

Resides 1890 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1704. *Marian Elizabeth Gere*, born 20 August 1906.

1705. *George Edgar Gere*, born 24 February 1910.

1706. *Alice Adelia Gere*, born 30 January 1913.

1332

Anna Gere was born in Sullivan, New York, 15 October 1855; died in Syracuse 8 October 1918; married in Syracuse 18 September 1877 Charles H. Hawley, born in Lyons, New York, 29 June 1851; died in Syracuse 29 June 1907.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Infant son.*

(2) *Grace Gere Hawley*, born 26 January 1883; married 25 October 1904 James Frederick Lyon. Four children (Lyon): (a) Anna Hawley, born 19 September 1905; (b) James Frederick, born 9 January 1908; (c) William Gere, born 1 December 1913; (d) Betty, born 1 February 1918.
Mrs. Lyon resides at 345 Benjamin Ave., S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

(3) *Mary Frances Hawley*, born 24 December 1885; married 15 November 1910 Maynard H. Salmon. Three children (Salmon): (a) Margaret Maynard, born 22 March 1915; (b) John Pomeroy, born 29 December 1917; (c) Anna Hawley, born 9 November 1919.

(4) *William Gere Hawley*, born 18 November 1890; married 29 September 1914 Rosamond Rust Pierce. Three children (Hawley): (a) William Gere, born 9 July 1916; (b) Harold Pierce, born 7 August 1918; (c) Charles Hubbel, born 28 April 1921.

1334

GRACE GERE was born in Syracuse, New York, 29 December 1862; married there 12 February 1884 Frank C. Soule.

Residence: 1054 James Street, Syracuse, New York.

Children: 3 sons:

(1) *A son* born 15 November, died 18 November 1885.

(2) *Oscar F. Soule*, born 17 March 1890; married 17 April 1912 Dorothy Smith. Two children (Soule): (a) Frank Channing, born 22 February 1914; (b) Dorothy Bigelow, born 24 March 1916.

(3) *Robert Gere Soule*, born 8 April 1892; married 14 January 1914 Beatrice Holden. Three children (Soule): (a) Hendrick Holden, born 17 October 1914; (b) Robert Gere, born 13 February 1916; (c) Grace Gere, born 17 May 1918.

1335

WILLIAM BUELL GERE was born in Syracuse 24 May 1868; died there 18 December 1915; married there 17 November 1891 Annabel Brumelkamp.

Resided at 112 DeWitt Street, Syracuse.

Children: 2 daughters:

1707. *Neeltje Gere*, born 21 April 1893; married 6 February 1915 Stuart F. Raleigh. Two sons (Raleigh): (1) William Gere, born 12 December 1915; (2) Stuart F., born 27 November 1918.

1708. *Elizabeth Cady Gere*, born 13 December 1908.

1337

GEORGE HUBERT GERE was born in Syracuse, New York, 3 May 1859; died in Roselle, New Jersey, 27 January 1918; married (1) 21 October 1885 Mary Belle Stewart, who died 13 November 1900; married (2) 11 November 1909 Marion Louise Thomas, born in New York City 18 June 1869.

He was president of the Monitor Boat & Engine Co., Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Gere resides at 276 Third Ave., Roselle, N. J.

Children by first wife: 2 daughters:

1709. *Doris Stewart Gere*, born 23 December 1890; married in 1913 Prof. Carl L. Carmer.

1710. *Mary Belle Gere*, born and died 13 November 1900.

1338

FANNY SOPHIA GERE was born in Syracuse, N. Y., 20 June 1862; married there 23 October 1884 Joseph Burr Tiffany, born in Hudson, N. Y., 13 February 1857; died 3 April 1917.

Mr. Tiffany graduated at Cornell University. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and of the Founders and Patriots of America.

Mrs. J. B. Tiffany resides at 10 Hillside Road, Elizabeth, N. J.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Anna Cuyler Tiffany*, born 6 September 1885; married in Yonkers, N. Y., 29 December 1914, Arthur Morgan Dodd. Children (Dodd): (a) Dorothy Armstrong, born 2 February 1916; (b) Jean Tiffany, born 7 December 1918; died 11 February 1919.

(2) *Joseph Burr Tiffany*, born 30 January 1888; married in Nelson, B.C., 23 June 1915, Florence I. Squarebriggs; child: 1 son: (a) Joseph Burr Tiffany, born 29 June 1916.

(3) *Vera Gere Tiffany*, born 28 March 1890; married in Yonkers, N. Y., 19 October 1915, James Frederick Prince. Two children (Prince): (a) Carol Anderson, born 27 December 1916; (b) Vera Gere, born 2 July 1922.

(4) *Stanton Gere Tiffany*, born 19 January 1895; married in New Orleans 10 September 1919 Mrs. Louise (Theus) Ryals; no children.

1342

Mary Louisa Geer was born in Plainfield, Conn., 19 August 1865; married in Brooklyn, Conn., 17 November 1900, Clarence Putnam Knight, born in Salem, Mass., 26 September 1859.

She was educated at the High School, Danielson, Conn. Teacher (oral) of the deaf.

Address: 4356 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Dorothy Crary Knight*, born 27 October 1901; died 12 August 1903.

1343

Charles David Geer was born in Plainfield, Conn., 20 July 1869; married in St. Louis 30 June 1903 Ora Lee Owen, daughter of George W. and Eliza (Lee) Owen. She was born in St. Louis 27 September 1882.

He is a professional singer, teacher and director. Lived in St. Louis 1901–1909; since then in Ledyard.

Address: Norwichtown, Conn. (R.F.D. 6).

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1711. *Charles David Geer*, born 23 May 1904.
1712. *George Owen Geer*, born 24 August 1906.
1713. *Marian Geer*, born 26 February 1908.
1714. *Richard Witter Geer*, born 13 March 1911.

1345

Isaac Wheeler Geer was born in Plainfield, Conn., 1 February 1873; married in Newtown, Bucks County, Penn., 23 October 1901, Margaret Worth Thornton.

He was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale, 1895, degree B.S. He has been for many years connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad System in various positions; in 1923 was the General Manager of the Southwest Region, with headquarters at St. Louis Mo.

Address: 4356 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

Children: 2 daughters:

1715. *Helen Thornton Geer*, born in Newcastle, Penn., 27 January 1903.
1716. *Margaret Worth Geer*, born 11 October 1909.

1347

Edward Williams Gere was born in Williamsburg, Mass., 8 April 1826; died in Leamington Spa, England, 5 March 1893; married (1) in Walpole, Mass., 21 January 1856, Mary Elizabeth Baker, who was born 10 August 1829; died in November 1860; married (2) in Gloucester, England, 4 August 1868, Emma March, who died in 1870; married (3) in Bromwich, England, 4 December 1872, Mary C. Cooksey.

He was a brass manufacturer of the firm of Hayden, Gere & Co., Haydenville, Mass.

After living in Brooklyn and New York, he removed to England in 1873 and remained there until his death.

Child by first wife: 1 daughter:

+ 1717. *Annie Louise Gere*, born 31 July 1859; married Frank B. Gaylord.

Child by second wife: 1 son:

1718. *Charles March Gere*, born 9 June 1869; unmarried. He was educated at Eton College and Birmingham

School of Art. Artist by profession. Residence: Stamages, Painswick, Gloucester, England.

Children by third wife, all born in Leamington Spa, England: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 1719. *Edward Arnold Gere*, born 11 November 1873; married Carol Giles.

+ 1720. *Edith Gere*, born 8 April 1875; married Henry A. Payne.

1721. *Ethel Mary Gere*, born 31 March 1877; unmarried. Educated at Newnham College, Cambridge, England. Degree, B.A.

1722. *Margaret Gere*, born 23 August 1878; unmarried. Art education. Artist. Residence: Stamages, Painswick, England.

1723. *Robert Hudson Gere*, born 19 October 1880; married, no children. Educated at Balliol College, Oxford. Degree, B.A. Merchant. Lives in London.

1348

Henry Sherwood Gere was born in Williamsburg, Mass., 30 April 1828; died 26 March 1914; married in Easthampton, Mass., 22 August 1849, Martha Clark, daughter of Simeon Parsons and Dorcas (Clapp) Clark. She was born in Easthampton 27 May 1831.

He was educated at Wilbraham Academy and Williston Seminary; Amherst College, A.M., (Honorary), 1890. In 1847 he became editor *Northampton Courier*, and in 1858 editor of *Hampshire Gazette*. Treasurer of Hampshire County 18 years, member of School Committee six years, secretary and treasurer 52nd Regiment, M.V.M., from organization to present time.

Residence: 75 High St., Northampton, Mass.

Children: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

1724. *George Sherwood Gere*, born 15 July 1850; married 28 November 1877 Sarah J. Goodman, daughter of Stephen K. and Sarah J. (Bates) Goodman. No issue. Owner and manager Gazette Printing Co. Member Northampton Country Club. Address: 62 Kensington Ave., Northampton, Mass.

+ 1725. *Collins Henry Gere*, born 19 June 1854; married (1) Annie A. Bowers; (2) Jennie Van Horn.

+ 1726. *Edward Clark Gere*, born 3 April 1856; married Katharine E. Henderson.
1727. *Frederick Gere*, born 6 April 1861; died 4 March 1867.
1728. *Mary Elizabeth Gere*, born 29 April 1867.
+ 1729. *William Henry Gere*, born 10 August 1869; married Mary F. Bradford.
1730. *Martha Fiducia Gere*, born 8 August 1871.

1358

Mary Frances Geer was born in Troy, N.Y., 3 April 1850; married there 10 July 1878 James Richmond Rossman, born in Richmondville, N. Y., 9 March 1843.

Mrs. Rossman was educated at the Emma Willard Seminary, Troy.

Address: Hopkins Apartments, Baltimore, Md.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Agnes Geer Rossman*, born 25 April 1879.
(2) *William Waldron Rossman*, born 3 February 1882.
(3) *James Richmond Rossman*, born 11 August 1886.

1360

Alice L. Geer was born in Troy 19 March 1856; married 19 March 1878 Thomas B. Kenny, who was born in Albany 25 April 1849.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

(1) *Agnes Kenny*, born 1 August 1879.
(2) *Elizabeth Geer Kenny*, born 7 February 1882.
(3) *Thomas Geer Kenny*, born 10 April 1888.
(4) *Alice Geer Kenny*, born 10 March 1892.

1361

Harvey Mosher Geer was born in Troy 22 February 1851; died there 18 March 1919; married in Johnstown, N. Y., 19 September 1878, Caroline Ross Akin, daughter of DeWitt Clinton Akin and Helena St. John, who was a direct descendant from Lord Boling-

Ira J. Geer

Wm. C. Gee

broke, and Oliver St. John, the great English Chief Justice. She was born in Genesee, Wis.

He graduated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in 1872, degree C.E. Was engaged in practice of civil and hydraulic engineering. Member of Engineer's Club (Philadelphia), American Society of Civil Engineers, New England Water Works Association, and Zeta Psi Fraternity.

Resided: Ballston Spa, N. Y.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

+ 1731. *Howard Earl Geer*, born in Troy 13 October 1879; married Dorothy Hand.

1732. *Helena Geer*, born in Troy, N. Y., 7 July 1881. She graduated at Cornell Univ., A.B. 1903; Columbia Univ. A.M. 1913; student two years in Europe: Univ. of Bonn, Germany, and Sorbonne, Paris; one year at Bryn Mawr College. Instructor in French, Vassar College; in French and German at Goucher College. Lecturer in Modern Languages at Barnard College, New York. Teacher of French at Erasmus Hall H. S., Brooklyn. Member Cornell Women's Club, and Women's Univ. Club (Board of Managers), New York City. Unmarried. Address 33 Woodruff Ave., Brooklyn.

1365

Frederick Marshall Geer was born in Troy 28 September 1869; married there 26 November 1902 Minnie Van Norden, daughter of George W. Van Norden. She was born 20 March 1874. No issue.

He is treasurer of the Hildreth-Geer Company, Cohoes, N. Y. Member Masonic Club, Commercial Club, and Phoenix Lodge and Chapter.

Residence: No. 1 Twelfth St., Troy, N. Y. (North End).

1367

William Clarke Geer was born in Orange, N. J., 29 September 1859; married in Troy, N. Y., 5 September 1882, Emma Kate, daughter of Richard Everingham. She was born in Troy 24 January 1859.

He was educated at Gale School, Troy. Insurance and Real Estate broker. President of the Geer Hydro-Electric Co., Albia Box & Paper Co., Faith Knitting Co., Gilbert Geer, Jr. & Co., Troy; vice-pres. of the International Pulp Co., and United States Talc Co., New York; Oswegatchie Light & Power Co., Gouverneur, New York; director of the Troy Waste Mfg. Co., Boutwell Milling & Grain Co., Troy Orphan Asylum, Samaritan Hospital, and Marshall Sanitarium, Troy, N. Y.; also director of National State Bank, Lion Collars & Shirts, Inc., and vice-pres. and director Oakwood Cemetery Asso., Troy, N. Y. Member of Troy Club.

Residence: 300 Pawling Ave., Troy, N. Y.

Child: 1 daughter:

1733. *Olive Edson Geer*, born 17 March 1887; married Charles H. Gardner. One child (Gardner): Eloise Geer, born 12 March 1911.

1378

Curtis Manning Geer was born in Hadlyme, Conn., 11 August 1864; married in Colchester, Conn., 9 September 1890, Mary L. Gillette, daughter of Russel and Martha Gillette. She was born in Colchester, 21 July 1864.

He graduated Williams College, A.B. 1887; Hartford Theological Seminary, 1890; University of Leipzig, A.M., Ph.D. 1894; was ordained Congregational ministry in 1890; pastor, East Windsor, Conn., 1890–2; fellow Hartford Seminary, at Leipzig, 1892–4; pastor Danvers, Mass., 1895–7; professor of history and economics, Bates College, 1897–1901; associate professor of church-history, 1901–6, and since 1906 professor, Hartford Theological Seminary. Lecturer, Hartford School of Sociology, 1894–5. Author, *The Louisiana Purchase and the Western Movement*, (1904). Member Connecticut Historical Society and American Historical Association, Secretary Connecticut Peace Society. See *Who's Who in America.*

Residence: 1655 Boulevard, West Hartford, Conn.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1734. *Dorothy Geer*, born 17 June 1891; married Edward E. Dissell.

+ 1735. *Russel Mortimer Geer*, born 21 December 1894; married Edith Guilmartin.

+ 1736. *Alice Geer*, born 21 September 1896; married Lincoln David Kelsey.

(Also an infant son, born 30 September, died 3 October 1902.)

1387

Seth Edwin Geer was born in New York City 29 September 1829; died there 24 June 1880; married there 20 July 1859 Rebecca Comstock Porter, born 13 March 1836; died 5 January 1917 at the home of her son in the Bronx, New York City.

Children: 3 sons:

+ 1737. *Harold Sumner Geer*, born 16 April 1860; married Blanche M. McPhail.

1738. *Wilson Duryea Geer*, born 14 August 1861; died 28 February 1899.

1739. *George Porter Geer*, born 26 May 1863; died 14 February 1869.

1389

William Harold Geer was born 25 December 1834; died 30 October 1887; married 14 May 1861 Martha E. Patrick, born 8 June 1840.

Children who lived to maturity: 5, 1 son and 4 daughters:

1740. *Clementine Adelaide Geer*, born 3 April 1864. She has been vice-principal of the Kingsbridge Public School for many years.

1741. *William Harold Geer*, born 4 September 1865.

1742. *Ella Ruth Geer*, born 1 November 1867.

1743. *Martha Irene Geer*, born 13 August 1869.

1744. *Florence Edith Geer*, born 11 January 1877.

There were also five children who died young: *Harold, Seth, Albert, Alfred, Everett.*

1392

Alexander Whiting Geer was born in New York 30 June 1848; died there 27 February 1889; married 27 February 1872 Ella Eugenie Williams, born in New York 14 December 1848; died there 22 March 1913.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

1745. *Edmund Seaman Geer*, born in Hoboken, New Jersey, 21 January 1873; unmarried. He is in the wholesale silk business. Address: 959 Anderson Ave., New York City.

1746. *Thomas James Geer*, born in Plainfield, New Jersey, 15 April 1874; died in New York 26 August 1919; never married.

+ 1747. *Ethel Winslow Geer*, born 1 October 1877; married Howell Foster.

1748. *Florence Kortright Geer*, born in New York 2 August 1879; unmarried.

1749. *Ella Eugenie Geer*, born in New York 24 January 1883; married 17 June 1920 Percival Panfield Morgan (11th R.R. Eng. A.E.F.). He was born in New London, Conn., 9 June 1896. No issue.

1400

Gurdon Saltonstall Mumford Geer was born in New York City 8 March 1847; married there 15 November 1871 Catherine M. Prince, born in Russia 10 November 1851.

His great-grandmother on his mother's side was the daughter of Governor Gurdon Saltonstall, and she married a Mumford; hence his name.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1750. *George Mumford Geer*, born 22 September 1872.

1751. *Constantine Van der Vliet Geer*, born 1 January 1874.

1752. *Grace Saltonstall Geer*, born 18 February 1875.

1753. *Sarah Prince Geer*, born 8 August 1876.

1405

Solomon Madison Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 11 February 1823; died 26 September 1885; married 6 August 1850 Mary Malvina Elizabeth Holmes, born 2 December 1833; died 6 November 1915.

Children: 12, 10 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1754. *William Albert Geer*, born 22 June 1851; died 29 April 1894; married Margaret A. Breageale.

1755. *James Robert McClinton Geer*, born 3 May 1854; died 5 June 1858.

+ 1756. *John Mattison Geer*, born 15 May 1858; died 1 July 1919; married Ella McGee.

+ 1757. *David Aaron Geer*, born 15 November 1860; married Ida Brown.

+ 1758. *Hezekiah Monroe Geer*, born 12 March 1863; died 11 March 1915; married Annie Emerson.

+ 1759. *Andrew Jackson Geer*, born 26 November 1865; married Mary Kennedy Owen.

1760. *Walter Holmes Geer*, born 30 November 1867; married in 1912 Minnie Cole. No issue. He is interested in cotton mills. Residence: Greenville, S. C.

+ 1761. *Major Ernest Geer*, born 30 March 1869; married (1) Stella E. Mitchell; (2) Willie Louise King.

+ 1762. *Charles Carroll Geer*, born 18 May 1871; married Claudia Edmundson.

+ 1763. *Bennette Eugene Geer*, born 9 June 1873; married Rena Rice.

+ 1764. *Malvina E. Geer*, born 28 July 1875; married R. J. Alderman.

There was also an infant daughter, *Theodosia Emaline Geer*, born 6 December 1856; died 9 January 1857.

1406

David Anderson Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 25 January 1825; died in Rusk County, Texas, 6 October 1873; married 21 December 1847 Lucinda Eveline Drennan, born in Pendleton, S. C., 14 February 1824; died in Rusk County, Texas, 20 December 1872.

He was a mechanic in early life, and after the war, a farmer.

In the Civil War he enlisted in 1861 in John B. Moore's Co., Orr's Regiment. Entered the service as a sergeant and was afterwards made 1st lieutenant.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

1765. *Mary Luvenia Geer*, born 10 November 1848; married 2 February 1867 Jesse W. Freeman.

1766. *John Gilliland Geer*, born 31 January 1851.

1767. *Irene Josephine Geer*, born 10 February 1853; married 19 October 1874 William P. Gardner.

1768. *James David Geer*, born 8 December 1855; married 27 December 1877 Mary E. Russ.

1769. *Nancy Talula Geer*, born 13 August 1858; died 6 October 1866.
1770. *Sallie Ann Geer*, born 23 July 1861.
1771. *Major Andrew Geer* (twin), born 19 September 1866.
1772. *Solomon Albert Geer* (twin), born 19 September 1866.

1408

James Monroe Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 21 April 1829; died in a hospital in Richmond, Va., 7 January 1863; married 2 December 1852 Martha Emaline Holmes, born in Anderson County 24 October 1835.

He received a common school education; was a farmer; enlisted 7 January 1862 in Co. D, Orr's Regiment.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1773. *Mary Jane Geer*, born 13 August 1859; married 23 January 1878 A. P. Warnock.
1774. *James Monroe Geer*, born 4 August 1862.

1419

John Culberson Geer was born in Toulon, Illinois, 17 October 1845; married in Galesburg, Illinois, 30 November 1869, Delia Murphy, born 12 February 1847; died 4 May 1883. During the Civil War he served in Co. D, 139th Illinois. He is a retired grocer. Member Elks.

Residence: 471 West Tompkins Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1775. *Cora May Geer*, born 5 January 1871. Member Rebecca Parke chapter, D.A.R.; also Mary Allen West Tent, Daughters of Veterans.
1776. *Abby Amelia Geer*, born 15 March 1873.
+ 1777. *George Henry Geer*, born 8 February 1877; married 3 July 1900 Blanche Ferguson.
1778. *Delia Geer*, born 16 March 1883; died 4 July 1883.

1421

Lavinia Terisa Geer was born in Henry County, Illinois, 7 April 1849; died ——; married in Toulon, Ill.,

—— 1863, William Charles Foster, born in Carneyville, Penn., 1 March 1844; died in Mason City, Iowa, —— 1902.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Hattie Mae Foster*, born in Henry County, Illinois, 20 October 1865; married in Rockwell, Iowa, 18—, William Henry Peedan (Peden), born in Iowa 21 October 1860. One child: Lavinia Terisa Peedan (Peden), born in Mason City, Iowa, 14 September 1898; married there 28 March 1918 Stanley Louis Haynes, born in Mount Carroll, Ill., 11 June 1894. Two children (Haynes): Domini, born 20 December 1918, and Stanley Foster, born 3 March 1922. Mrs. Haynes received a High School education, and was two years at College of Saint Catherine, St. Paul, Minn. Residence: 17½ South Federal Avenue, Mason City, Iowa.

1422

Ella Percie Geer was born in Groton, Conn., 30 May 1873; married in Springfield, Mass., 14 September 1908, David Franklin Huddle, Jr., born in Elkton, Virginia, 31 March 1880; died in Auburn, N. Y., 19 November 1919.

She is supervisor of music in public schools; choir and orchestra director, New London, Conn. Member of D. A. R.

Residence: 34 Fort St., Groton, Conn.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *Franklin Pierce Huddle*, born 28 July 1913.

1423

Charles Reginald Geer was born in Groton 16 November 1874; married in Mystic, Conn., 28 October 1903, Laura Lewis, daughter of Colonel Warren W. Packer. She was born in Mystic 26 February 1878.

Residence: 28 Bromfield Road, West Somerville, Mass.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1779. *Eleanor Packer Geer*, born 26 October 1904.
1780. *Reginald Packer Geer*, born 8 November 1906.

1425

EDITH EMILY GEER was born in Groton, Conn., 29 February 1880; married there, 2 July 1907, Otto John Myer, born in Bristol, R. I., 17 March 1882.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Frederick Geer Myer*, born 7 July 1908.
(2) *Elizabeth Gallup Myer*, born 20 November 1911.

1426

ERASTUS WHEELER GEER was born in Norwich, Conn., 15 September 1830; died ——; married in Norwich 27 February 1854 Mary E. Brown, born in Groton 17 February 1834; died ——.

He was a sea captain and during the Civil War was engaged in transporting soldiers. Mason.

Children, all born in Norwich: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

1781. *Charles Winslow Geer*, born 30 March 1855.
1782. *Hattie Elizabeth Geer*, born in Norwich 29 May 1857; married there 26 July 1877 William Clarke Yeates, born in London, England, 5 November 1854. No issue. He lived in London until 1871; then came to the United States, and settled in Norwich, Conn. Drygoods merchant.
1783. *Washington Lafayette Geer*, born 15 February 1859.
1784. *Frank Elmer Geer*, born 29 October 1861.
1785. *Henry Cross Geer*, born 29 March 1865.

1429

GEORGE WILLIAM GEER was born in Norwich, Conn., 22 July 1828; died there 9 January 1913; married there 2 May 1849 Elizabeth Mitchell, born in New York City 23 November 1828.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

+ 1786. *Charles William Geer*, born 12 December 1850; died 13 December 1913; married (1) Annie L. Warren; (2) Izzette Patten.
+ 1787. *Isabel Lawson Geer*, born 12 November 1858; married Frank T. Brown.
+ 1788. *George Mitchell Geer*, born 17 September 1869; died 9 April 1923; married Adele Burdon.

1430

CHARLES HENRY GEER was born in Norwich, Conn., 27 September 1830; died there 1 July 1920; married in Norwich 3 February 1857 Emily Jane Keables, born in Willimantic 22 April 1833; died 11 August 1920. Lived in Norwich, Conn.

During the Civil War he was in the Naval Service, being employed as engineer on different government vessels. After the war, was for five years in the New London Navy Yard. Afterwards in the lighthouse service.

Children, all born in Norwich: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

1789. *Herbert Courtland Geer*, born 30 June 1858.
1790. *Arthur Melville Geer*, born 2 December 1859.
1791. *Frank Irving Geer*, born 3 February 1861; died 22 October 1861.
+ 1792. *Susie Emma Geer*, born 18 November 1862; died 8 May 1901; married John A. Parkinson.
1793. *Jennie Frances Geer*, born 22 January 1865; died 10 September 1892.
1794. *Nellie Roxanna Geer*, born 22 November 1867; married 16 October 1889 Calvin L. Swan, born 20 January 1866. No issue.
1795. *Robert Frank Geer*, born 15 May 1870; died 4 January 1898.

1431

OLIVER JOSEPH GEER was born 23 January 1834; died 13 November 1903; married 13 February 1855 Eliza Rogers Raymond.

He was educated in Norwich, Conn. Entered the transportation business in 1851; was with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from 1856 until his death, being General Agent of that company in New York from 1882 to 1902. Was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, New York Yacht Club, New York Club, Crescent Athletic Club, and Oxford Club.

Children: 6, 5 sons and 1 daughter:

1796. *Lillian Raymond Geer*, born 11 December 1855; died 20 July 1904.
1797. *Willis Low Geer*, born 3 December 1858; died 1 May 1891.

1798. *Alpheus Reynolds Geer*, born 21 March 1864; died 9 July 1893.

+ 1799. *Theodore Raymond Geer*, born 25 July 1868; died 25 February 1913; married Lou May Fuller.

+ 1800. *Edward French Geer*, born 2 January 1872; married Blanche R. Bryant.

1801. *Ledyard Cuyler Geer*, born 6 November 1876; married 12 June 1901 Ada Eliza Paynta, born 20 April 1875. No issue. He is manager Corn Exchange Bank, Terminal Branch. Residence: Ridgewood, N. J.

1432

ELIZABETH M. GEER was born in Norwich, Conn., 5 July 1836; died there 9 October 1875; married there 8 July 1861 Alvah Francis, born in Stafford 12 March 1823; died 22 July 1899.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Elizabeth Dickinson Francis*, born in Norwich 20 December 1862; married there 28 October 1885 William Winfield Maynard, born there 20 December 1861. Two children (Maynard): (a) Clarence Francis, born 17 January 1888; married 4 March 1916 Mrs. Lucy (Chamberlayne) Scott. One daughter: Lucy Chamberlayne, born 15 June 1917; died 8 December 1918; (b) Edith Amelia, born 4 July 1890; married 18 April 1923 William John Honeyman. Mrs. Maynard lives at 211 West Thames St., Norwich, Conn.

(2) *George Frederick Francis* (twin), born in Norwich 21 June 1867; married there 17 November 1902 Ellen J. Harris, born in Greenport, L. I., 21 December 1865. Two daughters (Francis): (a) Gladys Estelle, born 30 June 1894; died 15 July 1918; (b) Mildred Elizabeth, born 13 August 1900. Mr. Francis lives at 28 Coit St., Norwich, Conn.

(3) *James Frank Francis* (twin), born 21 June 1867; died 6 August 1868.

1434

EUNICE ANN GEER was born in Norwich, Conn., 19 June 1841; died 24 January 1921; married 6 January 1864 Edgar W. Tennant.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *George Chester Tennant*, born in Norwich 25 January 1865; married in Chester, Penn., 3 October 1888, Clara Caroline Ott, born in Smyrna, Del., 14 June 1868. No issue. Residence (1914): 330 West 9th St., Chester, Penn.

(2) *Alice Evelyn Tennant*, born in Norwich, Conn., 3 August 1868; married in Vineland, N. J., 28 July 1890, Louis Clinton Neff, born in Springfield, Ohio, 13 January 1867. Residence: 681 Park Place, Brooklyn, New York. Two daughters (Neff): (a) Helen Maude, born 7 October 1899; died 9 December 1907; (b) Mildred Evelyn, born 23 April 1903.

1437

JEREMIAH CLEVELAND GEER was born 30 May 1837; died 4 February 1895; married 19 April 1860 Charlotte Dart.

Children: 10, 7 sons and 3 daughters:

1802. *Emma Geer*, born 10 March 1862; married (1) Frank Perkins; (2) J. W. Barry. Mrs. Barry lives at Groton, Conn.

+ 1803. *Henry Cleveland Geer*, born 24 July 1864; married Lena Andrews.

+ 1804. *Edward R. Geer*, born 12 July 1867; married Fannie I. Nichols.

1805. *Sarah A. Geer*, born 26 July 1869.

1806. *Jeremiah Cleveland Geer*, born 18 August 1871; died 5 October 1889.

1807. *Mary L. Geer*, born 11 November 1875; died 10 July 1895.

(Four other sons, all deceased, of whom we have no record.)

1440

MARY ANN CAROLINE GEER was born 29 March 1847; married (1) in 1864 Albert E. Welch, who died in 1900; married (2) 11 February 1920 Charles Franklin Geer (1298), born in Lebanon, Conn., 21 November 1842; died 26 March 1920. (See also 1298.)

Children by first marriage: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Frank Albert Welch*, born in August 1867; died in January 1869.

(2) *Fred Morton Welch*, born 29 December 1868; died in 1887.

(3) *Emma Etta Welch*, born 8 February 1870; married in 1888 Charles E. Hazlehurst. Two children (Hazlehurst): (a) Vinnie, born in 1889; (b) Elizabeth L., born in 1892.

1444

ALBERT PLATFORD GEER was born in Norwich, Conn., 5 April 1856; married in Norwichtown, Conn., 24 December 1878, Rosa Clement Hunter, born in Norwich 27 February 1856.

Child: 1 daughter:

+ 1808. *Emilie Elizabeth Gilman Geer*, born 22 November 1879; married E. L. Chandler.

1445

VICTORIA MARIA GEER was born 1 November 1859; married Frank H. Case.

Mrs. Case lives at Alger Place, New London, Conn.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Elizabeth G. Case*, born ——.

1455

MARIE LOUISE GEER was born in New Baltimore, New York, 20 September 1833; died in Brookline, Mass., 14 June 1918; married George Wetmore Kittelle.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *Sumner Ely Wetmore Kittelle*, born in Peekskill, New York, 14 June 1867; married, in Washington, D. C., 22 March 1897, Anna Lockwood Sigsbee, daughter of Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, U.S. Navy. She was born in Washington 13 September 1872. He graduated U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, in 1889. Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy. Governor of the Virgin Islands,

1922. Member Sons of American Revolution, American Legion, Army and Navy Club, New York Yacht Club; Mason.

Residences: Brookline, Mass., and 2229 California Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Address: U.S.S. *Melville*, care Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

(a) Anna Louise Kittelle, born 28 January 1898; married Commander Charles J. Moore, U.S. Navy.
(b) Mary Sigsbee Kittelle, born 13 September 1903.
(c) Sumner Sigsbee Kittelle ("Bevis"), born 22 June 1909.
(d) John Kittelle, born 30 December 1913.
(e) Nancy Kittelle, born 5 March 1915.

1456

George Wolfe Geer was born in New Baltimore, New York, 27 September 1835; died in Hempstead, Long Island, 6 February 1914; married Mary Hall, born ——; died ——.

During the Civil War he was member Company D, 22d Infantry, New York Volunteers, and belonged to Morgan Post, G.A.R. For several years he was secretary of the Manhattan Fire Insurance Co., New York. Resided at 24 Villa Court, Hempstead, Long Island.

Children: 6, 3 sons and 3 daughters:

1809. *Marie Louise Geer*, born 7 August 1865; unmarried.
1810. *Genevieve Geer*, born 18 September 1867; unmarried.
+ 1811. *Henry Hall Geer*, born 5 September 1869; married Margaret Lydia Fletcher.
1812. *Clara T. Geer*, born 11 April 1871; married in July 1915 William J. Barry. No issue.
+ 1813. *John Eugene Geer*, born 16 July 1873; married Bertha A. Dawson.
+ 1814. *Samuel Horatio Geer*, born 28 October 1875; married Mary Baldwin Sauneman.

EIGHTH GENERATION

1484

CALVIN GEER was born in London, Ohio, 30 October 1837; married 21 November 1858 Ellen, daughter of Dr. Leicester Leonard. She was born in Kingston, Mo., 7 September 1842.

He lives at Burns, Oregon.

Children, all born near Silverton, Oregon: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 1815. *Irwin S. Geer*, born 28 February 1864; married Mrs. Belle (Allwein) Erb.

+ 1816. *Ralph Cary Geer*, born 22 April 1867; married Nellie C. Tanquary.

1817. *Ida Florence Geer*, born 6 October 1869; married in Baker City, Oregon, 27 November 1891, Henry Vance Clymer, M.D. Lives at Burns.

+ 1818. *Pearl Willard Geer*, born 29 June 1873; married Martha Elizabeth Root.

1819. *Mary Cynthia Geer*, born 4 April 1875; married in Stockton, California, 19 July 1894, Ben Brown. Lives at Burns.

1485

FLORINDA GEER was born 3 September 1839; married Timothy W. Davenport.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *Homer C. Davenport*, born ——; died 2 May 1912; married ——. He was a celebrated cartoonist. A daughter, Mildred Homer Davenport, born in 1897; married in Los Angeles 4 May 1922 Dr. Britton Buckley Evans, of Morris Plains, N. J. He was born in 1892, and is the son of Dr. Britton D. Evans, a noted alienist. Residence: Morris Plains, N. J.

1487

LAGRANDE BYINGTON GEER was born in Knox County, Illinois, 11 March 1845; died 6 May 1909; married in Silverton, Oregon, in 1870, Eglantine Dehart, born in Oregon in 1852.

Resided, Waldo Hills, Oregon.

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

1820. *Carrie Geer*, born 22 February 1871; married Harry Crouder.
1821. *Musa Geer*, born 21 December 1872.
1822. *Homer Geer*, born in 1875; died ——.
1823. *Eva Geer*, born 1 January 1879; died in January 1912; married —— Dabney.
1824. *Burt Geer*, born 12 January 1881.
1825. *Chet Geer*, born 27 January 1883.
1826. *Archie Geer*, born 7 November 1886.

1491

THEODORE DWIGHT GEER was born in Knox County, Illinois, 13 October 1843; died ——; married in Butteville, Oregon, 3 May 1863, Philomene, daughter of F. X. Matthieu, born in Butteville 20 April 1845. Residence: Big Bend, Washington.

Children: 10, 5 sons and 5 daughters:

1827. *Ernest F. Geer*, born 12 July 1864; died ——.
1828. *Henry R. Geer*, born 10 January 1866; died ——.
1829. *Stella M. Geer*, born 14 March 1867; married —— Taylor.
1830. *Walton T. Geer*, born 17 December 1869.
1831. *Charles B. Geer*, born 10 December 1871.
1832. *Eva A. Geer*, born 7 March 1874; died ——.
1833. *Ida R. Geer*, born 28 July 1876; died ——; married —— Holmes.
1834. *Hattie F. Geer*, born 28 September 1878; married —— McCrary.
1835. *Lester G. Geer*, born 10 December 1882.
1836. *Nettie A. Geer*, born 11 October 1885.

1492

FREDERICK CORYDON GEER was born in Butteville, Oregon, 24 July 1848; died in 1918; married Eliza Foster.

He lived in Portland, Oregon.

Children, all born in Butteville: 3 sons:

1837. *Jerome C. Geer*, born 7 December 1869.
1838. *Nathaniel Prentiss Geer*, born 15 October 1871.
1839. *William Roy Geer*, born 12 July 1882.

1501

THEODORE M. GEER was born 21 February 1870; married ——.

Residence: Georgetown, Wash.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1840. *Jessie Geer.*
1841. *Dorris Geer.*
1842. *Arthur Geer.*

1504

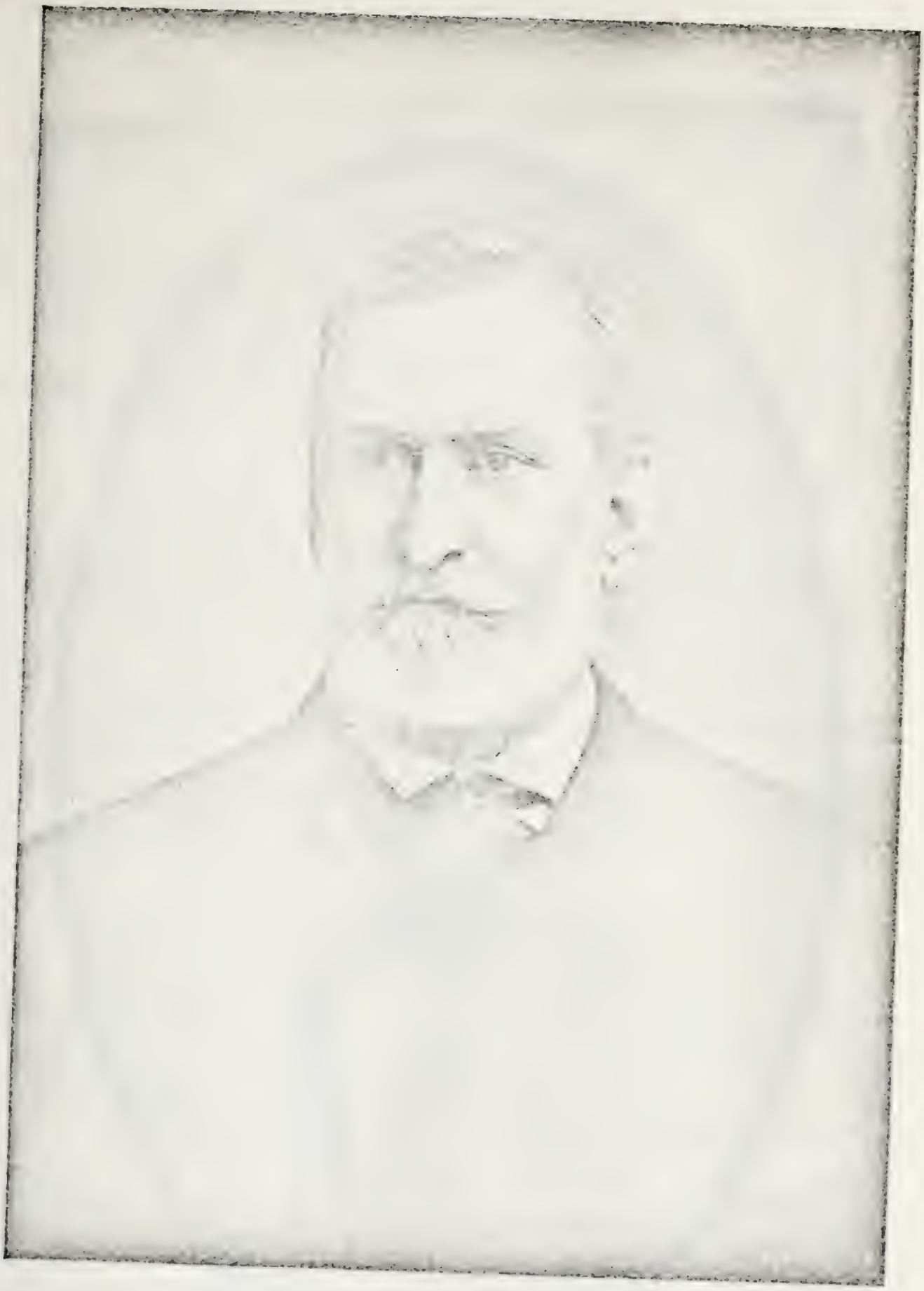
THEODORE THURSTON GEER was born on a farm in the Waldo Hills, Marion County, Oregon, 12 March 1851; married (1) 16 June 1870 Mrs. Nancy (Duncan) Batte, of Cove, Oregon; married (2) 14 June 1900 Isabelle Trullinger of Astoria, Oregon.

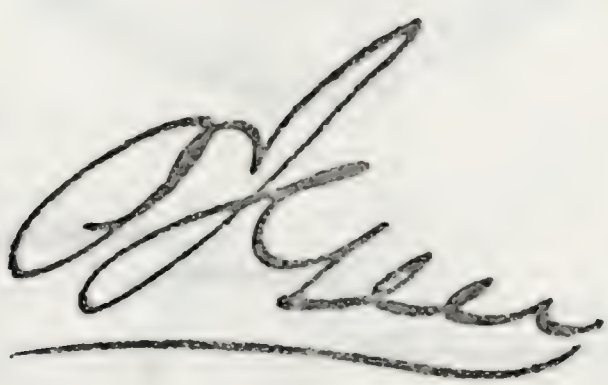
He was educated at Williamette University; is now a member of Geer & Mattoon, Real Estate, Portland, Ore.; has been editor since 1903 of *Salem Daily Oregon Statesman* and *Pendleton Daily Tribune.* He was a member of the Oregon House of Representatives in 1880, 1888, 1890 and 1892 (Speaker, 1891); Governor of Oregon from 1899 to 1903.

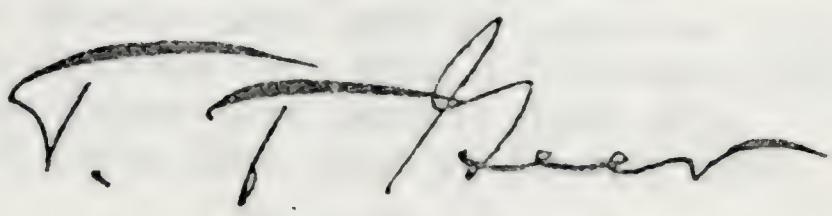
Address: Portland, Ore.

Children by first wife: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1843. *Maud Agnes Geer*, born 19 March 1871; died 26 May 1907.
1844. *Theodosia Geer*, born 19 March 1873; married (1) H. Downing; (2) E. C. Little.
1845. *Frederick Heman Geer*, born 29 January 1877; married in October 1910 Martha McCreedie.







1524

SIDNEY BREWSTER GEER was born 18 October 1845; married 21 May 1867 Eva Willcox.

Children: 3 daughters:

1846. *Susie Jane Geer*, born 6 February 1873.
1847. *Bessie May Geer*, born 16 October 1875; died 21 July 1877.
1848. *Grace Hillard Geer*, born 4 February 1878.

1536

SAMUEL WASHINGTON GEAR was born in Meriden, Conn., 18 January 1839; died ——; married 28 November 1861 Maria H. Bates of Litchfield, Conn.

Children: 3 sons:

1849. *Samuel Augustus Gear*, born in New Haven 4 July 1862.
1850. *Robert Mayers Gear*, born and died in September 1864.
1851. *John B. Gear*, born in 1866.

1537

JOHN BARNES GEAR was born in Meriden, Conn., 18 June 1842; married in Yonkers, N. Y., 28 November 1866, Emma J. Dyer, born 6 April 1847.

He lived in Meriden until 1869; then moved to New Haven, and in 1875 went to Los Angeles.

During the Civil War he enlisted in September 1861 in the 8th Conn. Vol.; was discharged in December 1863; re-enlisted the next day and was finally discharged in Richmond in 1865; was engaged in seven battles and never wounded.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

1852. *Ellis Arthur Geer*, born 4 May 1868.
1853. *Jessie Marian Geer*, born 21 September 1871.
1854. *Edith Raymond Geer*, born 9 November 1873.
1855. *Burton Eugene Geer*, born 11 April 1875.
1856. *Mabel Emma Geer*, born 25 January 1878.

1538

George Mills Gear was born in Marietta, Ohio, 9 April 1870; married, in Chicago, in June 1900, Emma Redd.

He is a farmer, 20 miles out of Chicago.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1857. *George Redd Gear*, born in Downer's Grove, Illinois, 19 January 1903.
1858. *Dallas Gear*, born in Western Springs, Illinois, 1 July 1904.
1859. *Mary Barnes Gear*, born on the farm 5 May 1906.
1860. *Virginia Gear*, born on the farm 12 March 1909.

1539

Harry Barnes Gear was born in Marietta, Ohio, 6 March 1872; married there 4 January 1897 Bertha Elizabeth Riley, born in Marietta 1 December 1870.

He graduated at Marietta College, A.B. 1892, and Cornell, M.E. 1895. Has been with the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, since 1895 and is now assistant to the vice-president. Fellow American Institute Electrical Engineers. Member City and Hamilton clubs, Chicago, and Ridge Country Club. Co-author: *Electrical Central Station Distribution.*

Residence: 10769 Seeley Ave., Chicago.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1861. *Margaret Dibble Gear*, born 13 June 1900.
1862. *Robert Barnes Gear*, born 16 October 1904.

1558

Sarah Frances Gere was born in Baltimore, Md., 3 June 1834; died in Savannah, Ga., 13 December 1918; married in Baltimore 24 May 1855 Carville Hynson Carson, born in Baltimore 14 November 1830; died ——.

Children: 7, 3 sons and 4 daughters:

(1) *John Avery Gere Carson*, born in Baltimore 19 February 1856; married in Savannah 29 January 1879 Carrie Gordon Cubbedge, born in Sa-

vannah 15 September 1856. He was educated in Public Schools of Baltimore and Normal School of Montoursville, Pa. Banker and merchant. President of Carson Naval Stores Company. Alderman, County Commissioner, President Board of Trade. Member Oglethorpe Club, Savannah; Southern Society, New York. Deputy Governor General Society of Colonial Wars in State of Georgia since 1896. Residence: 117 Bolton Street, Savannah, Ga. Four children (Carson): (a) John Avery Gere, born 3 November 1882; (b) Gordon Cubbedge, born 20 August 1884; (c) Edwin Williams, born 30 December 1885; (d) Carville Hynson, born 25 September 1887.

(2) *Sarah Augusta Carson*, born in Baltimore 6 August 1858; married in Savannah, Ga., 22 December 1885, John Zeigler Wisenbaker, born in Valdosta, Ga., 24 September 1857; died 18 October 1911. Four children (Wisenbaker): (a) Gussie Carson, born 25 February 1887; married in Valdosta, Ga., 22 June 1909 Wesner B. Jones. Two children: Carson Young Jones, born 16 January 1911; Barbara Burton Jones, born 16 January 1913. (b) Marie Louise, born 2 November 1890; died 13 September 1901. (c) John Zeigler, born 20 February 1892; died 19 October 1893. (d) Carville Hynson, born 7 March 1896; married in St. Augustine, Fla., 2 November 1921, Emma Gertrude Buell. One son: Carville Hynson Wisenbaker, born 23 August 1922.

(3) *Carville Hynson Carson*, born in Baltimore —— 1858; died in Savannah, Ga., 5 June 1914; married in Albany, Ore., 24 September 1884, Leila White, born in Cecily Island (plantation), La., 12 July 1863. Two children (Carson): (a) Dorothy Arnold, born in Savannah 21 December 1890; married 6 April 1909 Captain John E. Langley, born in Charleston, S. C. (b) Carville Hynson, born in Atlanta 19 October 1897. Mrs. C. H. Carson lives at 107 East Park Avenue, Savannah, Ga.

(4) *Hattie Gere Carson*, born in Baltimore about 1862; unmarried.

(5) *David Carson Carson*, born in Baltimore 20 February 1864; married in Savannah 5 November 1889 Marian Wilson Reppard, born there 15 Sep-

tember 1869. Seven children (Carson), of whom two are now deceased: (a) Marian Reppard, born 8 August 1890; married Burrell Anderson Richards; (b) Sarah Burney, born 2 September 1893; married Decatur Maynard Booth. Lives at 112 Shore Street, Petersburg, Va. (c) Helen Merrill, born 16 July 1896; married Augustus Chapman Orr; (d) Viola Reppard, born 7 July 1900; (e) Alberta Reppard, born 4 September 1902.

Mr. Carson is a High School graduate. Public accountant. Lives at 823 East Henry St., Savannah, Ga.

(6) *Helen Neal Carson*, born in Baltimore 31 August 1866; married in Savannah 23 November 1887 William B. Stubbs, born in Irwinton, Ga., 2 September 1861; died in Savannah 5 June 1920. Mrs. W. B. Stubbs lives at 1120 Park Ave., East Savannah, Ga. Twelve children (Stubbs): (a) Bessie Carson, born 13 August 1888; (b) Carrie Lee, born 31 January 1890; married 8 October 1913 James Morton Christian. Lives in Orlando, Florida. Two sons (Christian): James Morton, born 29 October 1914; and William Thomas, born 7 November 1916. (c) Roberta Neal, born 2 August 1891; married 22 June 1914 Paul Foster Daniel. Lives in Bartow, Florida. Three children (Daniel): Sarah Frances, born 3 May 1915; Paul Foster, born 5 August 1918; and Robert Stubbs, born 5 May 1921. (d) Hattie Gere, born 5 February 1983; (e) Daisy Hynson, born 31 August 1894; (f) Helen Bush, born 26 October 1896; married 23 November 1917 Rev. Stephen Elliott Jenkins. Lives in Savannah. One daughter (Jenkins): Hattie Gere, born 14 January 1919. (g) William Benjamin, born 14 July 1898. Commissioned 2d lieut. at Plattsburg 16 September 1918. Rhodes scholar, Emory University, Georgia, class of 1918 (deferred on account war). A.B. of Jurisprudence, Oxford University, 1922. Now practising law in Savannah. (h) Alpheus Cook, born 2 July 1900; (i) Marian, born 29 June 1902; (k) Frances, born 29 July 1904; (l) David Carson, born 31 July 1906; (m) Trawick Hamilton, born 18 June 1908.

(7) *Fannie Hynson Carson*, born in Baltimore 3 Sep-

tember 1869; married in Savannah, Ga., 17 May 1894, Edward K. Demmond, born in Joliet, Ill., 6 June 1864; four children (Demmond): (a) Edward Carson, born 19 May 1895; married 15 July 1920 Mary C. Baker. One son: Edward Carson Demmond, born 17 August 1922. Edward C. Demmond graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School 1919. (b) Esther, born 6 November 1896; (c) Eleanor, born 24 December 1901; (d) Frances, born 10 January 1905.

1560

ELIZABETH AUGUSTA GERE was born in Baltimore, Md., 21 November 1835; died there 22 September 1906; married in York, Penn., 26 October 1865, Rev. James Lester Shipley, born in Baltimore 21 June 1838.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *George Shipley*, born in Baltimore, Md., 13 March 1867; married in Pikesville, Baltimore County, Md., 20 November 1913, Dorothy Tyson Willson, born in Baltimore, Md., 3 March 1890. No issue. Degrees of A.B. and A.M., Randolph Macon College; Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University. Educator and journalist; associate editor of the *Baltimore American* until 1916; since then head master and owner of The Boys' Latin School of Baltimore. Member of the University Club (Baltimore), Baltimore Country Club; Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Member for Maryland of American Tercentenary Peace Commission. Residence: Hampton Court Apartment, Dolphin Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

(2) *James Lester Shipley*, born in Easton, Md., 3 July 1869; married in Baltimore 3 June 1905 Susan Rivers Byrd, daughter of Colonel William Byrd. She was born in Winchester, Virginia, 27 April 1872. He graduated at Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Va., 1889. Chief of Bureau of Contracts and Agreements, Operating Department, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, since 1896. Member Beta Theta Pi Society. Residence: 118 West Lafayette Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Two children (Shipley): (a) Evelyn Byrd,

born 1 August 1906; (b) Lucy Carter, born 31 January 1908; died 24 August 1908.

(3) *John Avery Gere Shipley*, born in Easton, Md., 10 December 1870; married in Japan 31 July 1900 Mary Eleanor Wood, born in Botetourt County, Virginia, 28 December 1872. He graduated at Randolph Macon College, Virginia, A.B. 1890; Vanderbilt University, Tennessee, B.D. 1896; clergyman and missionary to China since 1898. Member Beta Theta Pi. Address: 10 Woosung Road, Shanghai, China. Three children (Shipley): (a) James Lester, born 24 May 1901; (b) Alice Cushman, born 10 November 1902; (c) Jerome Wilson, born 22 May 1905.

(4) *Mary Augusta Shipley*, born in Baltimore 5 February 1874; unmarried. During the Great War she was a Red Cross nurse, member Johns Hopkins Unit, attached to Base Hospital 18, being in France 1917–19. Residence: 128 West Lanvale St., Baltimore.

1561

ALVERDA MARIA GERE was born in Charleston, W. Va., 11 October 1844; married in Montoursville, Penn., 22 December 1870, George Bowman Thompson, born in Berwick, Penn., 11 January 1842.

Children: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

(1) *Laura Gere Thompson*, born 16 March 1872. She graduated Goucher College, B.A., and Oxford University, England. Teacher in Centenary Collegiate Institute, Hackettstown, N. J.; Latin School, Baltimore, Md.; Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., Anglo-Chinese College, Foo Chow, China; Sec'y of Home Service, Pittston Chapter, American Red Cross. Address: 914 Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston, Pa.

(2) *Elizabeth Thompson*, born 15 May 1874; married in West Pittston 2 July 1902 John Gowdy, born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1869. No children. She graduated at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., B.A.; supervising teacher of English, Anglo-Chinese College, Foo Chow, China. Missionary. Member Phi Beta Kappa. Author of

A Gateway into English for Chinese Students. Residence: Foo Chow, China.

(3) *Alexander Thompson*, born 2 March 1876; died 2 April 1878.

(4) *Helen Alverda Thompson*, born 9 November 1880. Graduated Goucher College, B.A. Address: 914 Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston, Pa.

(5) *Walter Neal Thompson*, born 12 March 1885; married in West Pittston 12 July 1916 Jean Grey Law, born in Pittston 10 January 1887. Two sons (Thompson): William Law, born 13 June 1917; George Gere, born 18 January 1920. Graduated at Princeton University, B.A. Real estate firm of G. B. &. W. N. Thompson. Member Terrace Club, Princeton. Address: 200 Wyoming Avenue, West Pittston, Pa.

1563

Charles Henry Gere was born in Gainesville, New York, 18 February 1838; died in 1904; married in Washington 19 September 1871 Mariel E. Clapham of Washington.

He graduated 1861, Dickinson College, A.M.; also degree of A.M. from University of Nebraska, 1894. Private, Company B, 10th Maryland Infantry, during the Civil War. Admitted to Bar at Baltimore in 1865. Moved to Nebraska. Member Legislature 1866. Moved to Lincoln, 1868. State Senator 1869–70 and 1881–2. Chairman State Central Committee four terms. President of Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, 1881–91. Postmaster, Lincoln, 1891–5. President *State Journal* Company, 1872. Resided, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1863. *Mariel Clapham Gere*, born 2 June 1874.
1864. *Ellen Bladen Gere*, born 27 October 1875.
1865. *Catharine Clapham Gere*, born 16 April 1877.

There was a son, *George Parnell*, born 7 July 1872; died 11 April 1873.

1565

John Nelson Gere was born 18 August 1842; died 9 May 1870; married Lydia A. Giddings.

He served three years during the Civil War. Was killed by Indians at Solomon River, Kansas.

Mrs. Gere resided in Honolulu, H. T.

Children: 2 sons:

1866. *Giles Henry Gere*, born in 1867. Civil engineer. Assistant superintendent public works. Lives in Honolulu.

1867. *John Nelson Gere*, born 25 August 1870. Civil engineer. Lives in Honolulu.

1567

George Grant Gere was born in Greene, Chenango County, New York, 27 December 1848; died 29 December 1918; married in San Francisco, California, 25 December 1890, Sarah Josephine, daughter of William H. Wood. She was born in New York City 27 November 1861.

At the age of sixteen he joined the 1st Nebraska Veteran Cavalry and served until close of Civil War; graduated at Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, 1871; practiced in western states ten years; professor of anatomy, 1881–6, and afterwards professor of surgery in California Medical College; was also president of the State, and vice-president of the National Eclectic Medical Society.

Residence: 1762 Waller Street, San Francisco, California.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1868. *Harrison Gere*, born 10 January 1893.

1869. *Florence Cecil Gere*, born 6 September 1894; married 22 April 1920 E. C. Southwood.

1870. *George Grant Gere*, born 12 May 1896; married 25 December 1919 Edna Church.

1871. *Raymond Travers Gere*, born 5 February 1898; married 3 June 1923 Janie S. Weir. He lives at Sebastopol, California.

1568

Franklin Taylor Geer was born in Remsen, Oneida County, N. Y., 7 November 1849; died in Alexandria, Minn., 8 September 1921; married in Alexandria, Minn.,

25 March 1879 Mary E. Van Loon, born in Acton, Minn., 25 March 1862.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1872. *William Henry Geer*, born 30 January 1885; married Ruth Edna Wilson.

(There was another son, *Amos Miner*, born 9 April 1880, of whom we have no record.)

1570

Ezra Harold Geer was born in Tabor, Iowa, 5 March 1886; married in East Orange, N. J., 5 July 1918, Ednah Wynne Phelps, born in Fletcher, N. C., 15 September 1896.

He graduated at Doane College, A.B. 1906; A.M. 1910; Mus. B. Oberlin 1907; F. A. G. O. 1916; graduate student, Oberlin Conservatory, 1907–09; student in Paris under Widor and Gédalge, 1911–13; in New York under Tertius Noble, 1915–16. Instructor Lake Erie College, 1907–09; Albion College, 1909–11; organist First Cong. Church, Fall Fiver, Mass., 1913–16; organist and professor of music, Vassar College, 1916– . Member Am. Guild Organists, Am. Assn. Mus. Professors, Soc. for Publ. Am. Music, Franco-American Musical Society.

Address: Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

1577

Adelbert Remington Geer was born in Becket, Mass., 10 October 1882; married in Westerly, R. I., 14 June 1909 Rachael V. Burdick, born in Pawcatuck, Conn., 18 April 1887.

He received a grammar school education. His business is selling and repairing scales. Deputy sealer of weights and measures 1910–18. Odd Fellow.

Residence: 42 Ruskin Street, Becket, Mass.

Children: 2 sons:

1873. *David Remington Geer*, born 6 October 1911.
1874. *James Longworthy Geer*, born 9 November 1915.

1579

Myron Francis Geer was born 30 April 1888; married 25 November 1913 Jessie Almeda Wheeler, born 6 March 1885. Graduated Amherst Agr. College, B.S. 1909. His business is rebuilding of scales.

Address: 226 East Main St., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Children: 2 sons:

1875. *Kenneth Francis Geer*, born 10 December 1916.
1876. *Myron Francis Geer*, born 6 May 1921.

1580

Calvin De Witt Geer was born 3 May 1890; married 15 September 1914 Iva Ruth Smith. He graduated at Northwestern University, degree in engineering. Member Western Mass. Society of Engineers; 32 degree Mason.

Child: 1 daughter:

1877. *Ruby Smith Geer*, born 14 June 1915.

1581

William Jewett Geer was born in Chicago, Ill., 25 November 1888; married in Kankakee, Ill., 28 November 1917 Jessie Fay Edmundson, born 29 July 1888, daughter of William Edmundson, of Balbec, Ind. She attended Western College, graduated Illinois University 1914, degree A.B., member Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.

He was educated at Chicago Latin School, Deerfield-Shields Township High School; attended Williams College; graduated Cornell University 1912, degree A.B.; member Zeta Psi Fraternity; year with Gustav Wagner Maschinenfabrik, Reutlingen, Germany; later with Union Special Machine Co., Chicago, and General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass. During Great War, in service at U.S. Armory, Springfield, Mass. Certificate of honorable service. Enlisted in U.S. Naval Reserve, Great Lakes Station, 1917. Retired to inactive service

Geo. James Geer Jr.

Theodore A. Peer

at end of war. Member Racine Engineering Club. Manufacturer of electric ironers.

Resides at 2817 Wright Ave., Racine, Wis.

Child: 1 son:

1878. *William Jewett Geer*, born 28 May 1923, at Racine, Wis.

1582

Raymond Harold Geer was born in Chicago, Ill., 3 December 1896; married in Waukegan, Ill., 16 June 1921 Charlotte B. Welch, daughter of John W. Welch, of Waukegan, Ill. She graduated University of Illinois, degree A.B. 1920; Phi Beta Kappa in 1919; Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

He is a graduate of Deerfield-Shields High School and Cornell University, A.B. 1919. Member Sigma Phi Fraternity; Masonic Order. Enlisted at end Junior year, 1918, in U.S. Naval Reserve Force; called to active service in following September, at Great Lakes Training Station; released from active service with honorable record in February 1919. Completed University course, 1919; with Continental Seed Co., 1920; King, Hoagland Co., bonds, 1921; now in municipal bond business with firm of Hill, Joiner & Co., Chicago.

Resides at 414 N. Taylor Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

1583

Louise Geer was born in Summit, N. J., 23 May 1874; married there 25 November 1905 Herbert Budington Wilcox, M.D., born in Brooklyn 1 July 1874.

Resides at 39 East 75th Street, New York City.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Herbert Budington Wilcox*, born 16 April 1908.
(2) *Jarvis Geer Wilcox*, born 6 January 1910.
(3) *George Gunton Wilcox*, born 25 November 1911.
(4) *Louise Geer Wilcox*, born 17 July 1914.

1585

Marshall Geer was born in Summit, N. J., 1 October 1877; married 8 October 1903 Mabel B. Shultz, born in Astoria, N. Y., 25 March 1880.

He graduated at Princeton, A.B. 1899. Member of the firm of Dick Brothers & Company. Member of New York Cotton Exchange (sec'y 1909–12). Clubs: Princeton, New York; Ivy, Princeton; Tahabus, Short Hills; Baltusrol Golf; Somerset Hills Country.

Lives in Short Hills, N. J. Office: 60 Beaver Street, New York City.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1879. *Mabel Geer*, born 20 November 1904.
1880. *Louise Geer*, born 20 June 1906.
1881. *Marshall Geer*, born 3 December 1911.
1882. *Irving Shultz Geer*, born 29 November 1913.

1586

Langdon Geer was born in Summit, N. J., 23 October 1880; died in New York City 20 June 1915; married 5 October 1907 Dorothy Quincy, daughter of Hilborne L. and Kate (Shippen) Roosevelt.

From 1900 until his death he was vice-president and general manager of the Cravenette Company of America. He was the inventor of a number of machines for waterproofing woolens and had been unusually successful for a man of his age. He was for five years a member of Squadron A, also a member of the Comedy, Players, St. Nicholas and Squadron A clubs; also of Holland Lodge, F. & A. M.

Mrs. Geer is a member of the Colony and Cosmopolitan clubs, N. Y. Her address is 80 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Children: 2 sons:

1883. *Langdon Roosevelt Geer*, born 9 August 1911.
1884. *Edward Shippen Geer*, born 11 October 1915.

1587

Isabel Montague Geer was born in Oyster Bay, Long Island, 13 April 1881; married in New York City 19 February 1914 Elliot Hersey Goodwin, born in Cambridge, Mass., 6 January 1874.

He graduated at Harvard 1895; degrees of A.M.

Harvard, and Ph.D. Leipzig, Germany. Secretary Civil Service Reform Association; vice-president Chamber of Commerce of U.S.; member Century and Harvard clubs, New York; Saint Botolph, Boston; Metropolitan, Cosmos, and Chevy Chase, Washington. She is a member of Cosmopolitan Club, New York.

Residence: 3038 N St., Washington, D. C.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Katharine Throop Goodwin*, born in Washington 18 June 1915.

(2) *Elliot Hersey Goodwin*, born in Washington 25 December 1916.

1588

Enos Throop Geer was born in Oyster Bay, Long Island, 6 February 1883; married, in New Orleans, Louisiana, 6 June 1916, Mary Savage Cleveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bennett Cleveland. She was born in New Orleans 7 December 1889.

He was educated at Drisler School; Columbia, A.B. 1903; New York Law School, LL.B. 1908. Lawyer.

Residence: 251 West 97th St., New York City.

Child: 1 son:

1885. *Enos Throop Geer*, born 20 January 1919.

1589

William Montague Geer was born in Oyster Bay, Long Island, 24 July 1885; married in Grace Church, New York, 22 January 1921, Edith Jaffray, daughter of John Farr. She was born in Short Hills, N. J., 17 December 1894.

He is a graduate of Columbia 1906, and of the Columbia Law School, 1908. Member of the Columbia and Church clubs, and of the Saint Nicholas Society. During the Great War he served as lieutenant in the 15th Field Artillery, 2d Division, A.E.F. He is a member of the law firm of Everett, Clarke and Benedict, 37 Wall St.

Residence: 48 West 9th St., New York City.

Child: 1 son:

1886. *William Montague Geer*, born 29 December 1921.

1590

GARROW THROOP GEER was born 26 April 1887; married Marion L. Firth. Lives in East Rockaway, Long Island.

Child: 1 son:

1887. *Garrow Throop Geer*, born in February 1913.

1592

FRANCIS HUNT GEER was born in New York 10 October 1891; married there 12 October 1915 Helen Hartley Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Walter Jenkins. She was born in Morristown, New Jersey, 29 December 1893, and died in New York 20 January 1920.

He graduated at Columbia 1912, A.B. Member Delta Phi Society and Columbia University Club. Member Farr & Company, New York.

Residence: 110 East 76th Street; business address: 133 Front Street, New York.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1888. *Francis George Geer*, born 31 August 1916.
1889. *Helen Hartley Geer*, born 2 March 1918.

1593

CORNELIA THROOP GEER was born in New York City 15 February 1894; married there 10 February 1920 Martin Le Boutillier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Le Boutillier, born in Lawrence, Long Island, 15 June 1889.

He graduated at Yale 1912 and the Harvard Law School 1915. Member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Delta Phi societies; Yale Club, New York. Served with Squadron A on Mexican border 1916, and with C Battery, 151st Field Artillery, Rainbow Division, during the Great War. Lawyer. She graduated at the Brearley School and Barnard College. Member of Phi Beta Kappa, and the Cosmopolitan Club. Author.

Residence: Phoenix, Arizona.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *Martin Le Boutillier*, born 7 December 1921

1597

Alpheus Montague Geer was born in Nutley, New Jersey, 6 July 1894; married (1) in Newark 11 May 1917 Dorothy Lindsey, daughter of William Lindsey, of Boston; divorced in Paris, France, March 1920; married (2) 2 November 1921 Mrs. Alice Louise (Abbot) Meredith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Abbot, of Pelham Manor, New York. No issue.

He was educated at Pomfret School (1914), Harvard University (class of 1918), and Keble College, Oxford University, but received no degrees on account of war service. Enlisted Squadron A, May 1917; transferred 301st Infantry and 302d Field Artillery, U.S.A.; sailed for France 16 July 1918; engaged in Meuse-Argonne offensive, October-November 1918; honorably discharged in London, June 1919. Member Harvard Club. Business: Investing banking.

Residence: "Minton Lodge," Pelham Manor, New York.

1603

Harvey Goewey Geer was born in Illinois 2 October 1855; married (1) 28 August 1878 Carrie Louise Foland, who died 8 January 1881; married (2) in Kansas City, Kansas, 4 September 1883, Clara Belle Hanna, born in Ohio in 1855.

He received a common school education, graduating at Beloit High School; drygoods merchant until 1893; manufacturer in Rockford, Illinois, until 1908; developer of Palm Beach; vice-president Farmers Bank & Trust Company, West Palm Beach; director in many financial and development projects; director Palm Beach Guaranty Co., Keystone Construction Co., member Rotarians, Elks, Chamber of Commerce. He developed Royal Park, Palm Beach, the most beautiful residential park in Florida, comprising 180 acres.

Address: Royal Park, Palm Beach, Florida.

Child by first wife: 1 son:

1890. *Fred Foland Geer,* born 18 June 1880.

Child by second wife: 1 daughter:

+ 1891. *Ethel May Geer*, born 12 November 1886; married G. Elmer E. Lindquist.

1612

Elliott Newton Geer was born in Warren, Pa., 9 January 1846; married in Corry, Pa., 9 April 1868, Frances Augusta Blackburn, born in Philadelphia 23 October 1850.

Child: 1 son:

+ 1892. *Lynford Elliott Geer*, born 17 February 1869; married Grace G. Stiles.

1641

Frank Hamilton Geer was born on a farm in Lucas County, Ohio, 6 November 1869; married in Toledo, Ohio, 2 June 1897, Mary E. Summerskill, born in Brockville, Canada, 22 January 1874; died in Toledo 13 January 1923.

He received a high school education. Attorney, member firm of Geer & Lane. Prest., Toledo Bar Assn. 1918 and 1919; Chm. Lucas Co. Rep. Campaign Com. 1918; Chm. Legal Advisory Board during the Great War; alternate Natl. Rep. Convention at Chicago, 1920; prest. Toledo Social Service Assn. 1922 and 1923. Member Toledo Chamber Commerce and Toledo Masonic bodies; trustee Y.M.C.A. for past ten years; warden St. Mark's Epis. Church for past twenty years.

Residence: 2553 Glenwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

Children: 3 daughters:

1893. *Ruth Lloyd Geer*, born 5 March 1899. Graduated 1921, A.B., Sweet Briar College, Virginia.

1894. *Gertrude Hope Geer*, born 15 April 1901. Graduated 1923, A.B., Sweet Briar College, Virginia.

1895. *Gratia Frances Geer*, born 30 October 1908. Student in Smead School for Girls, Toledo, Ohio.

Langdon Geer

Frank H. Geer.

1643

Earl Belden Geer was born 10 August 1890; married 5 November 1919 Anna A. Blatherwick.

Child: 1 son:

1896. *Isaac Gallup Geer*, born 17 February 1921.

1644

Florence Allyn Geer was born 1 January 1896; married 30 October 1917 Ernest E. Smith.

Children: 2 daughters:

(1) *Elizabeth Chase Smith*, born 3 August 1918.
(2) *Isabelle Goodwin Smith*, born 29 July 1921.

1647

Clara Lovisa Geer was born in Syracuse 12 August 1863; married in Albany 12 April 1888 Dr. William F. Gilroy, who was born in New York City 29 November 1863. He is a dentist by profession.

She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of Founders of Norwich (Conn.), and Westchester Woman's Club, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Residence: 184 Archer Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Children: 2 sons:

(1) *Robert William Gilroy*, born in Norwich, Conn., 22 April 1889; married in New York City 6 April 1918 Helen Margaret Dorr, born in Albany 23 June 1889. Two children (Gilroy): (a) Barbara Ann, born in San Diego, Cal., 15 February 1919; (b) William F., born in Cleveland 23 September 1922. He graduated at Lehigh University, B.A., 1914. Major of Infantry in Great War, 1917–18. Member Sigma Phi Society and American Legion. Now manager of Chicago branch of the A. P. W. Paper Co.

(2) *Frederic Arthur Gilroy*, born in New York City 21 November 1894; married in Albany 23 September 1922 Marian Poole. He was educated at Lehigh University, the war interfering with his graduation. He was 2d lieut. Adjutant General's

Dept. 1917–18. Member Sigma Phi Society and American Legion. Now asst. sales manager A. P. W. Paper Co., at Albany, N. Y.

1651

SAMUEL LEONARD GEER was born in Griswold, Conn., 7 December 1881; married there 1 July 1907 Grace Huntington.

Residence: Camp Ground, Willimantic, Conn.

Child: 1 daughter:

1897. *Mildred Ella Geer*, born 4 May 1914.

1652

FRANK WILCOX GEER was born in Griswold, Conn., 5 December 1883; married there 15 January 1914 Ursula Mildred Paten, born 14 June 1897.

He received a grammar school education. Farmer; owns a farm which has been in the same family since 1803.

Address: R.F.D. 1, Jewett City, Town of Griswold, Conn.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1898. *Helen Julia Geer*, born 16 November 1914.
1899. *Arthur Frank Geer*, born 10 July 1918.
1900. *Ivy Mildred Geer*, born 14 December 1919.

1654

ROBERT LEONARD GEER was born 10 August 1887; married 19 April 1921 Natalie F. Ellis.

Child: 1 son:

1901. *Robert Emerson Geer*, born 28 August 1922.

1656

HAROLD FRINK GEER was born in Griswold, Conn., 28 May 1892; married in Sterling 26 October 1921 Gladys Gordon Gallup, born in Sterling 22 August 1900.

Child: 1 daughter:

1902. *Dorothy Elizabeth Geer*, born 23 August 1922.

1658

JENNIE LUCY GEER was born in Belchertown, Mass., 15 June 1890; married 24 June 1914 Alphonse Charles Abare, born in Three Rivers 6 June 1890.

Residence: Palmer, Mass.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Janice Louise Abare*, born 12 April 1915.
(2) *Clifton Lyle Abare*, born 7 May 1920.

1659

EVERETT AUSTIN GEER was born in Belchertown, Mass., 17 March 1894; married 28 November 1917 Alice E. Banister, born 23 July 1892.

He graduated at Tufts College 1914 B.S. Elect. Eng. Was with N. E. Power Co. two years; now a fruit grower.

Residence: Belchertown, Mass.

Children: 2 sons:

1903. *Everett Austin Geer*, born 16 November 1918.
1904. *Charles Denison Geer*, born 13 August 1922.

1660

JAMES CLIFFORD GEER was born in Belchertown, Mass., 30 August 1897; married 15 November 1920 Inez R. Tannebring, born 16 December 1895.

He graduated Tufts College 1918 B.S. Science. Traffic manager N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Boston. Served in Siberia during the Great War.

Residence: Beverly, Mass.

Child: 1 son:

1905. *Russell Clifford Geer*, born 18 January 1923.

1662

MABEL GEER was born 22 March 1891; married 25 September 1912 Albert Roscoe Jenks of Three Rivers, Mass.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Porter Geer Jenks*, born 2 July 1915.
(2) *Barbara Ruth Jenks*, born 6 December 1918.
(3) *David Lester Jenks*, born 28 April 1921.

1663

ALICE GEER was born 28 August 1893; married 1 January 1914 Gaston Edward Labouteley of Lynn, Mass.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Dorothy Eunice Labouteley*, born 9 August 1918.
(2) *Roger Burton Labouteley*, born 1 January 1922.

1665

DAVID HENRY GEER was born 6 September 1874; died 9 December 1922; married in Portland, Conn., 3 August 1892, Bertha Louise Kelsey, born in Portland 27 March 1875.

Lived in Rye, New York.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1906. *Edna Louise Geer*, born 10 February 1893.
1907. *Howard Stark Geer*, born 18 March 1894.
1908. *David Lloyd Geer*, born 16 May 1895.
1909. *Ernest Frank Geer*, born 20 November 1902; died 23 January 1903.

1668

CHARLES MANNING GEER was born in Lebanon, Conn., 19 November 1875; married 23 June 1898 Ola Caroline, daughter Clifton and Huldah Marion (Preston) Peck. She was born in Canterbury, Conn., 22 September 1880.

Lives in Lebanon, Conn.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1910. *Le Roy Nelson Geer*, born 27 June 1899.
1911. *Myra Carolyn Geer*, born 28 October 1906.

1675

FLORENCE ELIZABETH GEER was born 20 August 1880; married 16 October 1907 William Enoch Bulkley, born 25 June 1881.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Raymond Sherman Bulkley*, born 3 November 1915; died young.

(2) *Charlotte Elizabeth Bulkley*, born 17 February 1918.

1676

HOWARD WIGHTMAN GEER was born in Norwich, Conn., 4 September 1883; married there 9 June 1906 Anna Sophia Hermanson, born in Sweden 3 February 1884.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

1912. *Arthur Herman Geer*, born 27 March 1907.
1913. *Prudence Marie Geer*, born 1 June 1909.
1914. *David Wightman Geer*, born 9 September 1913; died 10 September 1917.
1915. *George Stanton Geer*, born 24 November 1915.
1916. *Jennie Laura Geer*, born 28 July 1918.

1679

WILLIAM PECK GERE was born in Warners, New York, 12 March 1881; married in Pasadena, California, 23 October 1907, Mary Gertrude, daughter of Frederick Douglas Gardner. She was born in Onondaga Valley 3 September 1879; graduated Syracuse University, Ph.B., class of 1902; member Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity and Eastern Star.

He graduated at Syracuse, Electrical Engineer, class of 1905. Engineer with New York Telephone Co. Member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity; also of Military Lodge 93 F.A.M.

Residence: 225 Greenwood Place, Syracuse, N. Y.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1917. *Bernard Arthur Gere*, born in Los Angeles 22 November 1908.

1918. *Brewster Huntington Gere*, born in Syracuse 5 December 1910.

1919. *Helen Gertrude Gere*, born in Syracuse 16 August 1914.

1680

MARCUS EDWIN GERE was born in Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, 26 June 1883; married in Clyde, Wayne County, New York, 14 October 1909 Harriette Viola Kellogg, daughter of John Kellogg. She was born in Rose, Wayne County, New York, 24 June 1883.

He is a metallurgical engineer.

Residence: 21 Oakland St., Bristol, Conn.

Children: 2 daughters:

1920. *Mary Louise Gere*, born 20 July 1912; died 4 February 1914.

1921. *Elizabeth Jane Gere*, born 11 December 1917.

1690

JAMES BREWSTER GERE was born in Syracuse, N. Y., 17 June 1900; married 14 May 1921 Helen Nurnberger, who was born 15 October 1899.

He enlisted in July 1918 and served in the 13th Cavalry in Texas until June 1919.

Child: 1 daughter:

1922. *Margaret Gere*, born 16 April 1922.

1695

CHARLES BISSELL GERE was born in Carthage, N. Y., 11 November 1881; married in Winfield, N. Y., 24 June 1909, Sophie Smith, born in Litchfield, N. Y., 25 August 1884.

General insurance. Member Chamber of Commerce; Citizens Club; Masonic Order.

Resides 104 Summit Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1923. *Sarah Burgess Gere*, born 12 September 1910.

1924. *Robert Gere*, born 15 November 1911; died 14 March 1918.

1925. *David Becker Gere*, born 6 May 1915.

1926. *Laura Marcia Gere*, born 19 May 1921.

1696

EDITH GERE was born in Syracuse 25 September 1884; married there 16 January 1915 James Jerome Parsons, M.D., born in Camillus, N. Y., 19 April 1884; son of Francis Dwight and Sara (Jerome) Parsons.

He graduated at Syracuse University, Ph.B. 1907; M.D. 1913. Physician. Member Am. Med. Assn.; N. Y. State Med. Soc.; Cortland Co. Med. Soc. Masonic Order. Delta Upsilon Fraternity. During the Great War he was 19 months in medical service; attached to British Forces in England and France; wounded 13 April 1918 at battle of the Lys; discharged as captain of the Medical Corps 13 April 1919.

She graduated at Syracuse University Library School 1905.

Residence: Cortland, New York.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *James Jerome Parsons*, born 15 November 1915.

1698

WARD NELSON GERE was born in Syracuse, N. Y., 17 December 1886; married in Lawrence, Mass., 25 January 1919, Mary Chadderton Whitehead, born at North Adams, Mass., 10 September 1897.

He graduated Mass. Institute of Technology E.E. 1912. Theta Delta Chi. With U.S. Cartridge Co., Lowell, Mass., 1915–19; now factory mgr. Way-Cleanse Corp., Syracuse, N. Y.

Residence: Syracuse, N. Y.

Child: 1 son:

1927. *Robert Nelson Gere*, born 16 November 1919.

1699

EDWIN CLARENCE GERE was born in Syracuse, N. Y., 12 July 1889; married in Little Rock, Ark., 19 December 1922, Evalee Moore, born in Blythesville, Ark., 14 February 1904.

He graduated Mass. Institute of Technology C.E

1913. Theta Delta Chi. He is captain Q.M.C., U.S. Army, and is now stationed at Camp Lewis, Washington. During the Great War he served as 2d lieut. 2d U.S. Cavalry, August to November 1917; 1st lieut. 11th Cavalry to January 1919; transferred to 9th Cavalry, Philippine Islands. In August 1920 detailed to Q.M. Corps construction service.

1701

HOWARD MUNRO GERE was born in Syracuse 22 March 1893; married in Syracuse 21 January 1915 Marion Lemira Clark, born in Syracuse 19 November 1892.

Educated at Colgate Academy, Travis Preparatory School, and Colgate University. Secretary and treasurer Gere & Willis, Inc., automobile distributors, Syracuse. Served as chief quartermaster U.S. Naval Aviation Detachment, Boston, 1918. Member Delta Upsilon fraternity; Central City Lodge 305 F. & A. M.; Chamber Commerce; Syracuse Auto. Dealers Assn.; Natl. Auto Dealers Assn.; Liederkranz; Syracuse Country Club.

Residence: 305 Erie St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Children: 3 daughters:

1928. *Elizabeth Clark Gere*, born 4 April 1917.
1929. *Barbara Jane Gere*, born 29 July 1918.
1930. *Mary Allison Gere*, born 16 August 1922.

1717

ANNIE LOUISE GERE was born in Brooklyn 31 July 1859; married in Northampton, Mass., 12 October 1887, Frank Bourne Gaylord, born in Bridgeport, Conn., 20 June 1860.

Residence: 11433 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Gladys Gaylord*, born in Detroit 28 July 1888; unmarried. Educated at Simmons College, Boston. Welfare worker and employment manager. Residence: Boston, Mass.

(2) *William Minor Gaylord*, born in Detroit 10 May 1891; married in New York 3 June 1919 Alberta R. Rumph, of Brooklyn. Two children (Gaylord): (a) William Minor, born in Brooklyn 30 August 1920; (b) Ethel Jane, born in Denver 24 July 1922. He graduated at Yale, A.B. 1914. Served in France from September 1917 to May 1919, 1st lieut. 149th Artillery. Salesman. Residence: 2655 Elm St., Denver, Colorado.

(3) *Edward Baker Gaylord*, born in Detroit 27 January 1897; died 6 August 1898.

1719

EDWARD ARNOLD GERE was born in England 11 November 1873; married Carol Giles.

He was educated at Tattenhall College, England. He has a life position in the Patent Office, London.

Residence: 11 Meadway, Golders Green, London, England.

Child: 1 son:

1931. *John A. G. Gere*, born in November 1921.

1720

EDITH GERE was born in England 8 April 1875; married Henry A. Payne.

She was educated at Birmingham Art School.

Residence: St. Loes House, Amberley, Gloucester, England.

Children: 3 sons:

(1) *Robert Payne*, born about 1907.
(2) *Edward Payne*, born about 1909.
(3) *Geoffrey Payne*, born about 1911.

1725

COLLINS HENRY GERE was born in Northampton, Mass., 19 June 1854; married (1) in Bridgeport, Conn., 2 February 1881, Annie Amelia, daughter of George Bowers. She was born in Wilmington, Del., in 1852; died in Northampton 24 December 1904. Married (2) 1 March 1906 Jennie Van Horn, daughter of Jeremiah

and Isabella Vreland (Van Riper) Van Horn. She was born in Newark, N. J., 4 May 1865.

He was prepared for college at Northampton High School, and graduated at Amherst in 1877. Part owner and editor of the *Hampshire Gazette*.

Residence: 75 Washington Ave., Northampton, Mass.

Child: 1 daughter:

1932. *Martha Clark Gere*, born 11 May 1883; married in Conway, Mass., 1 October 1902, LeRoy Seeds Combs. Two children (Combs): (a) Anna, born 20 July 1903; (b) Collins, born 21 April 1905.

1726

Edward Clark Gere was born in Northampton, Mass., 3 April 1856; married in Northampton 4 November 1880 Katharine Elizabeth Henderson, daughter of John Dalton and Elizabeth (Gibson) Henderson. She was born in Essex, N. Y., 30 December 1856.

He was educated at Northampton public schools. Part owner and managing editor of the *Hampshire Gazette*. Member of Northampton Club.

Residence: 61 High Street, Northampton, Mass.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1933. *Alfred Dalton Gere*, born 19 September 1883; died 21 September 1905. He was drowned while canoeing in the Connecticut River, when a Junior at Dartmouth College.

1934. *Margaret Gere*, born 26 February 1890; married 9 June 1923 Merrill Edson Torrey, born in Easthampton, Mass., 10 February 1892.

1729

William Henry Gere was born in Northampton, Mass., 10 August 1869; married in Brockton, Mass., 24 February 1902, Mary Frances Bradford, daughter of Chester Herbert and Sarah (Glass) Bradford. She was born in Duxbury, Mass., 3 June 1877.

Attended public schools. Employed at *Gazette* office. Member City Council four years and president one year. Head of Soldiers Club at Camp Devens and Providence,

R. I., 1921–23. Director of religious work, Y.M.C.A. at Providence, R. I.

Residence: 62 West St., Northampton, Mass.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1935. *Sara Sherwood Gere*, born 29 May, died 4 June 1904.
1936. *Henry Sherwood Gere*, born 13 November 1906.

1731

Howard Earl Geer was born in Troy, N. Y., 13 October 1879; married in Brooklyn 19 November 1918 Dorothy Hand, born there 4 May 1895.

He graduated at Cornell in 1901, M.E. With Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., New York, 1901–10 and 1917–20; Raymond Concrete Pile Co., 1910–17; Dwight P. Robinson & Co., 1920–21; now with Day & Zimmermann, Philadelphia. Member Beta Theta Pi fraternity; Sigma Xi Society; Cornell Club, New York City.

Residence: 315 Chestnut St., Moorestown, N. J.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1937. *Lydia Geer*, born 17 October 1919.
1938. *Howard Earl Geer*, born 28 December 1920.
1939. *Charles Hand Geer*, born 25 August 1922.

1734

Dorothy Geer was born 17 June 1891; married in West Hartford, Conn., 24 June 1913, Edward Everett Dissell, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Dorothy Gillette Dissell*, born in Indianapolis, 11 April 1914.
(2) *Edward Everett Dissell*, born in Hartford, Conn., 18 October 1915.

1735

Russel Mortimer Geer was born 21 December 1894; married in Bloomfield, Conn., 5 June 1919, Edith Guilmartin, born ——; died 15 April 1922. Married (2)

1 September 1923 Elizabeth Wyman, of Arlington, Mass., born 29 November 1900.

He graduated at Williams College, A.B. 1916.

Child: 1 son:

1940. *Russel Mortimer Geer*, born in Arlington, Mass., 27 March 1922.

1736

ALICE GEER was born 21 September 1896; married in West Hartford 27 January 1919 Lincoln David Kelsey.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Paul Manning Kelsey*, born in Malone, N. Y., 19 January 1921.

(2) *Edith May Kelsey*, born in Malone, N. Y., 18 June 1922.

1737

HAROLD SUMNER GEER was born in New York City 16 April 1860; married in Boston 5 January 1893 Blanche M. McPhail, born in Minot, Maine, 8 January 1871.

He has been for many years manager of Douglass Brothers Hardware Company, 2415 Jerome Avenue, (Bronx), New York City.

Residence: 209 Dyckman Street, (Inwood), New York City.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

1941. *Lawrence S. Geer*, born 19 November 1893.

1942. *Hope N. Geer*, born 2 December 1895.

1943. *Helen L. Geer*, born 29 March 1897; died 22 September 1903.

1944. *Hazel N. Geer*, born 2 March 1902; died 10 December 1903.

1747

ETHEL WINSLOW GEER was born in Court House Station, Staten Island, 1 October 1877; married 12 April 1899 Howell Foster, born in Canandaigua, New York, 17 November 1864.

He was educated at public schools and College of

Pharmacy. Vice-president of Schieffelin & Co., wholesale druggists. Member Society of Colonial Wars and Military Order of Loyal Legion.

Address: 170 William St., New York City.

Children: 2 sons:

(1) *Winslow Foster*, born in New York 23 February 1900.

(2) *Woodhull Foster*, born in New York 26 May 1901; died there 21 January 1902.

1754

William Albert Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 22 June 1851; died in Belton, S. C., 29 April 1894; married 22 October 1874 Margaret Alice Breageale, born in Belton, Anderson County, 16 August 1855.

Children: 6, 3 sons and 3 daughters:

1945. *Willie Eugene Geer*, born 23 August 1875; died ——.

1946. *Festus Foist Geer*, born 15 March 1878; died ——.

1947. *Jessie Geer*, born 17 February 1881; married 9 April 1901 John Clifton Green.

1948. *Leta Geer*, born 4 October 1883; married 20 April 1904 William Harley Cobb.

1949. *William Albert Geer*, born 6 December 1893.

There was another daughter, *Lucile*, who died young.

1756

John Mattison Geer was born in Anderson County, South Carolina, 15 May 1858; died 1 July 1919; married 21 November 1888 Ella McGee, born in Belton, S. C., 9 August 1861.

He graduated at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. He was president of a cotton mill.

Resided at Greenville, S. C.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1950. *Marguerite McGee Geer*, born 2 May 1890; married 21 November 1913 Wilton Earle.

1951. *Kenneth McGee Geer*, born 16 August 1897.

1952. *George McGee Geer*, born 25 November 1900.

1757

David Aaron Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 15 November 1860; married in Belton, S. C., 12 October 1910, Ida Rachael Brown, born there ——.

He received a high school education; has been a merchant and farmer; colonel in South Carolina State Militia.

Residence: Belton, S. C.

Children: 2 sons:

1953. *David Aaron Geer*, born 13 July 1911.
1954. *James Robert Geer*, born 8 August 1915.

1758

Hezekiah Monroe Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 12 March 1863; died in Belton 11 March 1915; married 12 October 1887 Annie Emerson, born in Anderson County 18 August 1867.

He received a high school education; was a merchant.

Residence: Belton, S. C.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1955. *Mary I. Geer*, born 31 August 1888; married Roy P. Whitlock.
1956. *Solomon Hadden Geer*, born 31 May 1890.
1957. *Andrew Eugene Geer*, born 3 February 1896.

1759

Andrew Jackson Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 26 November 1865; married in Clarksville, Tenn., 19 October 1905, Mary Kennedy Owen, born there 22 April 1883.

He was educated at Ligon and Reed Military College, Anderson, S. C. Wholesale druggist, president Geer Drug Co., Charleston, Spartanburg, and Greenville, S. C. Mason, Knights Templar, Shriner; Member Charleston Yacht and Country clubs, Charleston; New England Society. Vestryman Grace Episcopal Church.

Residence: 2 Gibbes St., Charleston, S. C.

Andrew J. Geer

T. B. Davy

Child: 1 son:

1958. *Benjamin Howard Owen Geer*, born 30 November 1907.

1761

M. Ernest Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 30 March 1869; married (1) 12 September 1894 Stella E. Mitchell, born in Belton, S. C.; died 10 October 1910; married (2) 12 December 1911, in Douglasville, Willie Louise King, born 20 October 1882.

He received a high school education; president and treasurer of Lois Cotton Mills, Douglasville, Ga., and of Laurel Mills, Laurel, Miss.; first vice-prest. and director Douglasville Banking Co.; dir. Roswell Mfg. Co., Roswell, Ga.

Residence: Douglasville, Ga.

Children by first wife: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1959. *Charles M. Geer*, born 9 August 1895. Vice-prest. and asst. treas. Laurel Mills, Laurel, Miss.

1960. *William W. Geer*, born 6 March 1897; married 6 September 1922 Louise Upshaw. Asst. to vice-prest. Laurel Mills.

1961. *Katherine E. Geer*, born 29 May 1899.

1962. *Ernestine M. Geer*, born 8 November 1901; married 2 March 1923 Owen Dilliard Boyd.

Children by second wife: 3 daughters:

1963. *Mary Louise Geer*, born 24 October 1912.

1964. *Carolyn Holmes Geer*, born 18 December 1914.

1965. *Willie Mae Geer*, born 28 January 1921.

1762

Charles Carroll Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 18 May 1871; married in Atlanta, Ga., 19 April 1902, Claudia Edmundson, born in Thompson, Ga., 29 November 1877.

He was a high school graduate; also graduate of Bellevue Medical College, New York City. Physician.

Residence: Greenville, S. C.

Children: 7, 3 sons and 4 daughters:

1966. *Dorothy Lovelace Geer*, born 24 October 1904.

1967. *Jane Calhoun Geer*, born 10 September 1907.

1968. *David Aaron Geer*, born 10 January 1909.

1969. *Elizabeth Beall Geer*, born 17 December 1911.
1970. *Joseph Spotswood Geer*, born 6 September 1913.
1971. *Carroll Holmes Geer*, born 7 August 1915.
1972. *Martha Bowman Geer*, born 16 September 1920.

1763

Bennette Eugene Geer was born in Anderson County, S. C., 9 June 1873; married in Belton, Anderson County, 20 December 1900, Rena McGee Rice, born in Anderson County 24 August 1875.

He graduated at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., A.B. 1896; A.M. 1897; Litt.D. 1916. Professor of English, Furman Univ., 1901–11. President and treasurer, Judson Mills, Greenville, S. C., since 1913. Federal Fuel Administrator for South Carolina. Trustee, Furman Univ. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Democrat. Baptist.

Residence: Greenville, S. C.

Children: 7, 5 sons and 2 daughters:

1973. *Sarah Rice Geer*, born 17 December 1901.
1974. *Charles Hallette Judson Geer*, born 20 April 1904.
1975. *John Mattison Geer*, born 24 February 1906.
1976. *Rachael Rice Geer*, born 2 April 1908.
1977. *Robert Alderman Geer*, born 10 March 1910.
1978. *Bennette Eugene Geer*, born 14 June 1912.
1979. *Sidney Ernest Bradshaw Geer*, born 17 October 1914.

1764

Malvina E. Geer was born in Anderson County, S.C., 28 July 1875; married in Belton, S. C., 21 December 1904, Robert J. Alderman, born in Clarendon County, S. C. ——.

Residence: Alcolu, S. C.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Mary Elizabeth Alderman*, born 25 December 1905.
(2) *Ben Geer Alderman*, born 24 June 1907.
(3) *Jennie Turner Alderman*, born 17 November 1908.
(4) *Mattison Wells Alderman*, born 4 December 1914.
(5) *Robert Joseph Alderman*, born 17 May 1917.

1777

George Henry Geer was born in Galesburg, Ill., 8 February 1877; married 3 July 1900 Blanche Ferguson.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1980. *John Charles Geer*, born 25 August 1902; married 3 July 1923 Ruth Mc Gee, born 28 April 1903.

1981. *Daisy Geer*, born 25 November 1904; married 10 June 1920 Roy Lee Hawkins, born 12 July 1904. One son: Lee Roy Hawkins, born 1 April 1921. Lives at 1408 Estes St., Keokuk, Iowa.

1786

Charles William Geer was born in Norwich, Conn., 12 December 1850; died in Lynn, Mass., 13 December 1913; married (1), in Pawtucket, R. I., 14 October 1875, Annie L. Warren, who died in June 1883. Married (2), in Lynn, 3 January 1887, Izzette Patten, daughter John F. and Elizabeth Ellen (Brimblecomb) Patten. She was born 19 January 1862.

He was educated at Wilbraham Academy and Worcester Military School. Engaged in real estate and fire insurance business. Member Oxford Club; Sutton Chapter R.A.M., and Olivet Commandery No. 36 K.T.

Mrs. Geer lives at 11 Baltimore St., Lynn, Mass.

Children by second wife: 2 sons:

+ 1982. *Laurence Patten Geer*, born 20 December 1891; married Florence M. Skinner.

+ 1983. *Russell Patten Geer*, born 24 August 1895; married Maud H. Barnes.

1787

Isabel Lawson Geer was born in Norwich, Conn., 12 November 1858; married there 5 August 1885 Frank Thurston Brown, born in Norwich 27 February 1853; died there 17 April 1909.

Residence: Norwich, Conn.

Children: 2 daughters:

(1) *Faith Elizabeth Brown*, born 18 July 1886; married 23 October 1909 Henry Ginnel. Two children (Ginnel): (a) Henry, born 10 August 1910; (b) Frank Brown, born 3 August 1913.

(2) *Katharine Brown*, born 31 May 1895. Address: Scarsdale, N. Y.

1788

George Mitchell Geer was born 17 September 1869; died 9 April 1923; married in Providence 12 February 1896 Adele, daughter of George R. and Louise Burdon. She was born in Providence 22 August 1869.

He was engaged in the manufacture of sterling silver with the Tilden-Thurber Co.

Resided: 151 Lenox Ave., Providence, R. I.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1984. *George Burdon Geer*, born in New York City 28 December 1899.

1985. *Stanley Burdon Geer*, born in New York City 21 February 1902.

1986. *Hazel Adele Geer*, born in Providence, R. I., 21 December 1903.

1987. *Emery Burdon Geer*, born in Providence, R. I., 26 May 1906.

1792

Susie Emma Geer was born in Norwich, Conn., 18 November 1862; died 8 May 1901; married 25 November 1883 John A. Parkinson. He died 10 October 1891.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Helen W. Parkinson*, born 25 January 1885; died 14 February 1923; married Fred Myott, of Vermont.

(2) *Marion R. Parkinson*, born 3 January 1887; married William F. Bailey, of Norwich.

(3) *Warren L. Parkinson*, born 18 September 1888.

(4) *Earle L. Parkinson*, born 27 July 1891; died 18 January 1914.

1799

THEODORE RAYMOND GEER was born in Bergen, N. J., 25 July 1868; died in Indianapolis, Ind., 25 February 1913; married in Troy, N. Y., 14 January 1890, Lou May Fuller, born in Troy 4 March 1869.

Child: 1 daughter:

+ 1988. *Marjorie Fuller Geer*, born 5 October 1890; married Roger G. Ramsdell.

1800

EDWARD FRENCH GEER was born in Brooklyn 2 January 1872; married there 25 April 1894 Blanche R. Bryant.

He was educated at Adelphi College, Brooklyn. He is trustee of the Buckhorn Association, East Brooklyn Savings Bank, and Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church; president Kerr Nav. Corp., Housatonic S.S. Co., Carib. S.S. Co., Jason Nav. Corp., Shoshone Nav. Corp., and director Am. Ship. & Com. Corp., Atlantic Mail Corp., Member N. Y. Chamber Commerce, Sigma Psi Fraternity, Sons Am. Rev., and Pilgrims of U.S. Clubs: Crescent Athletic, Riding & Driving, Lotos, City Midday, and St. Maurice Fish & Game.

Residences: 241 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, and Westhampton Beach, N. Y.

Business address: 21 State Street, New York City.

Child: 1 daughter:

1989. *Rosalie Bryant Geer*, born 12 March 1895. She was educated at Adelphi College, Brooklyn. Editor *The Key* (National Organ of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority).

1803

HENRY CLEVELAND GEER was born in Groton, Conn., 24 July 1864; married in New London 29 November 1883 Lena Andrews, born in Chester, Conn., 5 June 1858.

Address: 70 Moontion Ave., New London, Conn.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

1990. *Daughter*, born 15 January 1886; died 27 April 1910.

1991. *Frank Henry Geer*, born 6 October 1887; married 18 June 1907 Gertrude Molanson, born in St. John, N. B., 13 May 1888. Ten children (two deceased).

1804

EDWARD R. GEER was born 12 July 1867; married 11 August 1886 Fannie I. Nichols.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1992. *Florence V. Geer*, born 22 February 1888; married Harold Wells. Resides: 75 Plenty St., Providence, R. I.

1993. *Clara E. Geer*, born 29 October 1889; married 20 April 1909 Willis Barrows, born 1 April 1880. Two sons (Barrows): (1) Kenneth Willis, born 16 March 1909; (2) Allan Geer, born 26 March 1911. Address: 950 Bank St., New London, Conn.

1994. *Harold E. Geer*, born 9 August 1900; married Irene Epps. Address: Barrows Court, New London, Conn.

1808

EMILIE ELIZABETH GILMAN GEER was born in Franklin (recorded in Norwich), Conn., 22 November 1879; married in New London 7 June 1916 Emerson Lawrence Chandler, born in Old Mystic 28 August 1887. Residence: 27 West Hudson Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

Children: 2 sons:

(1) *Lawrence Fowler Chandler* (twin), born 16 February 1918.

(2) *Dana Geer Chandler* (twin), born 16 February 1918; died 7 April 1918.

1811

HENRY HALL GEER was born in Stamford, Conn., 5 September 1869; married in Brooklyn, N. Y., 22 June 1897, Margaret Lydia Fletcher, daughter of Edward and Marion Fletcher. She was born in New York 25 December 1874.

He received a common school education, and went into business. Mason.

Residence: Freeport, Long Island.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

1995. *Marion Louise Geer*, born 16 August 1898.
1996. *Henry Hall Geer*, born 20 October 1900.
1997. *Margaret L. Geer*, born 1 May 1906.

1813

JOHN EUGENE GEER was born in Stamford, Conn., 16 July 1873; married in Washington, D. C., 24 June 1905, Bertha A. Dawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Dawson. She was born in Washington 21 March 1875.

He was a newspaper correspondent during the Spanish War, and accompanied Colonel Roosevelt on his first tour of the United States. Member of the firm of Geer Brothers, Real Estate and Insurance, Hempstead, N. Y.

Residence: 45 Hilton Avenue, Hempstead, Long Island.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

1998. *John Eugene Geer*, born 15 October 1906.
1999. *Northrop Dawson Geer*, born 2 December 1908.
2000. *Bertha Louise Geer*, born 24 October 1909.
2001. *Francis Clifton Geer*, born 17 June 1911.

1814

SAMUEL HORATIO GEER was born in Stamford, Conn., 28 October 1875; married in New York 5 April 1903 Mary Baldwin Sauneman, daughter of John G. Sauneman. She was born in Brooklyn 1 February 1879.

He received a common school education. Member firm of Geer Brothers, Real Estate and Insurance.

Residence: Hempstead, Long Island.

Child: 1 daughter:

2002. *Genevieve Elizabeth Louise Geer*, born 10 October 1908.

NINTH GENERATION

1815

Irwin S. Geer was born near Silverton, Oregon, 28 February 1864; married there 4 August 1889 Mrs. Belle (Allwein) Erb, daughter of Henry Allwein.

He received a common school education and afterwards attended the Portland Business College. In mercantile business twenty-four years, and since then a farmer. Member Oregon Legislature. Treasurer of Harney County.

Residence: Burns, Oregon.

Children: 4, 2 sons and 2 daughters:

2003. *Juanita Amo Geer*, born 10 June 1890; married 2 June 1909 Irving Miller.
2004. *Waldo Irwin Geer*, born 21 August 1892.
2005. *Henry Geer*, born 21 January 1895.
2006. *Ellen Geer*, born 30 August 1898.

1816

Ralph Cary Geer was born near Silverton, Oregon, 22 April 1867; married in Burns, Oregon, 19 July 1893, Nellie C. Tanquary, granddaughter of Philo Geer.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

2007. *Margaret Geer*, born 12 February 1903.
2008. *Leonard Geer*, born 21 September 1905.

1818

Pearl Willard Geer was born near Silverton, Oregon, 29 June 1873; married in Kansas City, Mo., 12 June 1909, Martha Elizabeth, daughter of Tenny and Ann Elizabeth (Ridgley) Root. She was born in Girard, Kansas, 3 March 1882.

He is a naturalist, and a mechanical expert. Director Arab Horse Club of America. Member of Linnaean

Society. Associated for several years with his cousin Homer C. Davenport in importation and exploitation of Arabian horses.

Residence: Englishtown, N.J.

Child: 1 son:

2009. *Edwin Ridgley Geer,* born 21 December 1913.

1872

William Henry Geer was born in Alexandria, Minn., 30 January 1885; married in Northfield, Minn., 30 July 1912, Ruth Edna Wilson, born in Milwaukee, Wis., 4 August 1887.

He was educated at High School, Alexandria, Minn., 1904; Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., S.B. 1908; Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass., B. P. E. 1913; Extension Courses New York Univ. 1916–1917. Since 1906 he has been instructor in science and athletic director at Carleton College; High School, Austin, Minn.; Canal Zone, Panama; Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass.; Public Schools, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Military Training Commission, State of New York; director of Physical Education, member of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, August 1919– . Vice-prest. Eastern District, American Physical Education Assn., 1922– . Harvard Club, of Boston; Phi Delta Kappa; Government (Roosevelt) medal, presented by the President of the United States for two years' continuous service on the Panama Canal. Author of articles and papers on Physical Education, including *Keeping Fit,* and *Construction and Use of Squash Racquet Courts.*

Address: 71 Larch Road, Cambridge, Mass.

Child: 1 son:

2010. *Richard Wilson Geer,* born 18 February 1915.

1891

Ethel May Geer was born in Grundy Center, Iowa, 12 November 1886; married in Palm Beach, Florida, 23 March 1915, G. Elmer E. Lindquist, born in Lindsborg, Kansas, 26 August 1886.

She was educated at Rockford High School, Rockford College, Oberlin Conservatory of Music, degree M.B. Taught music in Maunaolu Seminary, Paia, Maui, T. H., one year, in 1913–1914.

Address: 7 Winona Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

(1) *Clara Geer Lindquist*, born 8 April 1916.
(2) *Harvey Geer Lindquist*, born 27 May 1919.
(3) *Helen Louise Lindquist*, born 31 March 1921.

1892

Lynford Elliott Geer was born in Corry, Pa., 17 February 1869; married in Milwaukee, Wis., 19 March 1894, Grace Gertrude Stiles, born in Mount Gilead, Ohio, 5 July 1874.

He received a high school education. Entered office of Chicago Shipbuilding Co. in July 1890; secy. and treas. Manitowoc Shipbuilding Co. 1902–20; vice-prest. and treas. Manitowoc Shipbuilding Corp. 1920– ; dir. and treas. Am. Sand & Gravel Co., Chicago; dir. and secy. Great Lakes Sand Co., Chicago; dir. Manitowoc Savings Bank; dir. Manitowoc Foundry Co.; dir. Gen. Nav. Co.; dir. and secy. Rockport S.S. Co., New York. Also dir. and treas. Manitowoc Portland Cement Co. Member Board of Education, Manitowoc, for ten years. Clubs: Chicago Athletic, Chicago Yacht; Engineers, and Whitehall, New York; Lakeside Country, Manitowoc; Tripoli Temple, Shrine, Milwaukee; Thirty-second degree Consistory Mason, Wisconsin; B.P.O.E., Manitowoc; Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Residence: Manitowoc, Wis.

Child: 1 daughter:

2011. *Helen Frances Geer*, born in Chicago 13 June 1896. Graduated Downer Seminary, Milwaukee; two years at Univ. of Wisconsin; graduated Smith College, A.B.; special course, Columbia Univ.; special course, Northwestern Univ. 1922–23.

Edward F. Green

L. E. Olsen

1982

LAURENCE PATTEN GEER was born 20 December 1891; married in Lynn, Mass., 24 May 1916, Florence Mansfield Skinner, daughter of Benjamin Warren and Emily Maria (Atwood) Skinner. She was born in Lynn 2 November 1891.

He graduated at Massachusetts Institute Technology, B.S. 1915. During the Great War he was 1st lieut. U.S. Public Health Service, October 1917 to July 1919; now 1st lieut. in Reserve. Member Theta Xi fraternity; Mason; Columbia Motor Club. Now director of Pathological Laboratory, South Carolina Baptist Hospital, Columbia, S. C.

Child: 1 daughter:

2012. *Elizabeth Atwood Geer*, born 8 June 1921; died 9 June 1921.

1983

RUSSELL PATTEN GEER was born 24 August 1895; married in Norfolk, Virginia, 14 September 1918, Maud Helen Barnes, daughter of John Anthony and Jane Elizabeth (Batten) Barnes.

During the Great War he was assistant paymaster U.S. Naval Reserve at Norfolk, Va., from April 1917 to February 1919. Mason. Now in Building Supplies business at Charlotte, N. C.

Child: 1 son:

2013. *Russell Patten Geer*, born in Norfolk, Va., 30 March 1920.

1988

MARJORIE FULLER GEER was born in Brooklyn 5 October 1890; married in Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, 23 June 1915, Roger Gibbs Ramsdell, born in North Adams, Mass., 25 September 1886.

Residence: 77 West End Ave., Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Roger Gibbs Ramsdell*, born 16 May 1918.
(2) *Marjorie Ramsdell*, born 1 June 1921.

PART TWO

THOMAS GEER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

NOTE

In the following pages the descendants of THOMAS GEER, of the name GEER, are each given a serial number. In order to find any particular person: —

First — Look up the *Christian* name in *Index 2*, and note the *number* printed at the *right*.

Second — Find this number at the *left* of the page in PART Two of the book.

Third — If the person was married and had issue, the fact is indicated by a *plus sign* (+) before the number.

Fourth — To find the *complete record*, turn forward until you reach the same number in *black type* in middle of page.

Fifth — To *trace back* the line of any person, simply reverse this process.

The descendants of GEORGE GEER will be found in *Index 1*, and PART ONE.

See *Index 3* for the names of all Geers who are *not* lineal descendants of GEORGE or THOMAS, and for all other surnames occurring in the book.

THOMAS GEER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

FIRST GENERATION

1

THOMAS GEER was born in 1623 in Heavitree, near Exeter, Devon, England; died 14 January 1722, aged 99 years, in Enfield, Connecticut; married about 1668, probably in Yarmouth, Massachusetts, Deborah, daughter of Robert and Ann Davis. She was born in Yarmouth in January 1646, and died in Enfield in January 1736, aged "about ye 95th year."

Various circumstances go to show that Thomas was about forty-five years old when he was married. He had but one son, who survived him to bear the name. This fact accounts for the great difference in the number of descendants of the two brothers. George had six sons who were married and had families, whereas Thomas had but one, and that one born the same year as George's eleventh child and sixth son.

In the sketch of the lives of the American Ancestors, the history of Thomas Geer has been traced until his arrival in Enfield, Conn., about 1682. From the records of that town it appears that he was one of the early settlers, for on 24 July 1682 he had a grant of a house lot and thirty acres of meadow land; also in 1684–7 other grants of land are recorded.

Enfield was then in Massachusetts, but later was included in Connecticut. According to the town records, Thomas was a tanner by trade, and was also an extensive land owner. He deeded various pieces of lands to his son Shubael, and owned at various times, besides his home lot, some 15 acres in the South Field on the "grate river"; 13 acres more or less in the North Field; also

at Schantuck river, 2 acres meadow and 3 acres of field land; in 1687 an additional 5 acres of field, to make up the 35 acres "as was engaged him."

In 1691, "the Commoners voat to chose a man of an other towne to be a Moderator to act for them as to Settling their common rights in this town"; "those that Desent agst ye Last act" are given and Thomas Geer is one of them.

Of the extent or value of Thomas Geer's property, nothing additional is known, except what may be gathered from a deed of gift which he and his wife made to their son Shubael, and signed by their x mark. This deed is dated 22 February 1695, and is recorded in the Registrar's office, 16 January 1699. Also Thomas and Deborah, his wife, gave a deed to their son Shubael of all their right and title to all their lands in the town of Enfield. This deed is dated 23 August 1717, and signed by their x mark (the name written Geer), and is recorded on Page 342, Book No. C, in the Registrar's office in Springfield, Mass.

Of the declining life of Thomas we know but little. His good old age, however, would indicate that he was a steady and worthy inhabitant. The property of Thomas remained in the same name until 1796 when, as appears from record, Elihu Geer disposed of his house and lands and removed, since which time there is no record of any descendants residing in Enfield.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

+ 2. *Mary Geer*, born about 1670; died before 1721; married John Prior.

+ 3. *Shubael Geer*, born in Enfield about 1683; died ——; married Sarah Abbe.

4. *Elizabeth Geer*, born in Enfield 4 May 1684; died there 1 April 1688.

It is possible that he had more children than the three who appear with him in Enfield, but his history before his settlement in that town is very uncertain.

SECOND GENERATION

2

MARY GEER was born about 1670; died before 1721; married in Enfield 15 April 1686 John Prior, born (probably) in Windsor, Conn., 14 February 1664. He married (2), Sarah Pease. He was called yeoman, and owned some sixty acres of land in Namerick, in the township of Windsor, for which he paid £260, a large sum for those days.

Children: 9, 5 sons and 4 daughters:

(1) *Ann Prior*, born 31 March 1690.
(2) *Mary Prior*, born 6 March 1692.
(3) *John Prior*, born 16 May 1695.
(4) *Daniel Prior*, born in Enfield 16 October 1697.
(5) *Sarah Prior*, born in Enfield 12 February 1700.
(6) *Nathaniel Prior*, born in Enfield 1 September 1702.
(7) *Azariah Prior*, born in Enfield 26 January 1705.
(8) *Ezekiel Prior*, born in Enfield 24 April 1708.
(9) *Thankful Prior*, born in Enfield in 1712.

3

SHUBAEL GEER was born about 1683; died ——; married 27 January 1703 Sarah, daughter of Thomas Abbe (1656–1728), who, in 1675, was a soldier from Wenham, in King Philip's War. She was born 31 March 1684, and died 16 February 1732.

He was an active man in town affairs, serving at different times as fence-viewer, field-driver, surveyor of highways, searcher and gager, and constable; he also served on committees. He held a good farm, and was a trusted and respected citizen. It is a quaint coincidence that when he was appointed searcher and gager, he was directed to use the letter "S" for searching, and "G" for gaging the casks. While these are the initial letters of searching and gaging, they are also his own initials.

He was present at the "Great Swamp Fight," as a member of Captain Appleton's Company.

Children, all born in Enfield: 10, 3 sons and 7 daughters:

5. *Shubael Geer* (1), born 1 December 1703; died 15 March 1704.
+ 6. *Sarah Geer*, born 5 January 1705; died ——; married John Simons.
+ 7. *Deborah Geer*, born 17 August 1707; died 12 August 1794; married Ezekiel Prior.
+ 8. *Mary Geer*, born 10 March 1709; died ——; married Roger Griswold.
+ 9. *Tabitha Geer*, born 21 July 1712; died 30 August 1746; married Edward Collins.
+ 10. *Bathsheba Geer*, born 16 January 1715; died ——; married Charles Sexton.
+ 11. *Shubael Geer* (2), born 26 May 1717; died after 1790; married Hannah Pease.
+ 12. *Elizabeth Geer*, born 15 January 1720; died 20 October 1757; married Ebenezer Terry.
+ 13. *Thomas Geer*, born 1 July 1722; died in 1751; married Hannah Abbe.
+ 14. *Anna Geer*, born in December 1725; died 15 February 1764; married Aaron Pease.

THIRD GENERATION

6

SARAH GEER was born in Enfield, Conn., 5 January 1705; died there ——; married 1 December 1723 John, son of William Simons. He was born 24 January 1695, and died 27 January 1781, aged 86 years.

Children, all born in Enfield: 11, 6 sons and 5 daughters:

(1) *John Simons*, born 19 March 1724; died ——; married in 1748 Miriam Jones. Ten children. (See Abbe Genealogy.)

(2) *Sarah Simons*, born 22 August 1726.

(3) *Paul Simons*, born 11 September 1729; died ——; married Mary ——. Two children. (See Abbe.)

(4) *Ebenezer Simons*, born 19 February 1732; died 11 March 1755.

(5) *Asahel Simons*, born 7 April 1734; died 3 June 1811; married 19 June 1759 Mehetabel Isom, born in 1740; died 8 April 1813. He was a soldier in the expedition to Fort Edward, in October 1757. One child. (See Abbe.)

(6) *Charity Simons* (1), born 27 July 1736; died 17 February 1738.

(7) *Charity Simons* (2), born 4 September 1738; died ——; married in 1761 John Abbe, son of John and Sarah (Root) Abbe. (See Abbe No. 180.)

(8) *Bathsheba Simons* (1), born 24 January 1741; died 4 October 1742.

(9) *Titus Simons*, born 7 June 1743; died ——; married 20 January 1763 Sarah Simons, of Windsor. Two children. (See Abbe.)

(10) *Bathsheba Simons* (2), born 9 June 1748; died 30 April 1754.

(11) *Edward Simons*, born 3 September 1750.

7

DEBORAH GEER was born 17 August 1707; died 12 August 1794, aged 87 years; married in Enfield 24 August 1732 Ezekiel Prior. He was her cousin, son of

John and Mary (Geer) Prior. He was born 24 April 1708, and died 27 July 1798, aged 90 years. He served in Lieutenant David Parson's 3rd Company, Major General Phineas Lyman's 1st Regiment, and is in the list of Enfield soldiers who went with Captain Jonathan Pettibone in his Company to Fort Edward in August 1757. He was also engaged in the expedition against Ticonderoga and Crown Point, 6 June to 6 August 1758.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Chloe Prior*, born 28 February 1734.

(2) *Zaccheus Prior*, born 13 March 1737; died 19 January 1818; married 9 February 1759 Abigail Pease, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Rose) Pease. She was born in Enfield 1 December 1739, and died 18 December 1818. Two children. (See Abbe.)

8

Mary Geer was born 10 March 1709; died ——; married in Enfield 7 January 1731 Roger Griswold, also of Enfield.

Children, born in Enfield: 7 sons:

(1) *Roger Griswold*, born 16 February 1731; died ——; married Naoma ——. He was a soldier under Major General Phineas Lyman from 14 March to 5 September 1757. They had four children. (See Abbe.)

(2) *Shubael Griswold*, born 15 March 1734; died 26 December 1812; married Dorcas ——, born in 1738; died 16 May 1798. He was also a soldier in Colonial Wars. Three children. (See Abbe.)

(3) *Solomon Griswold*, born 11 February 1737; died ——; married Sarah Leason. He was a soldier in the same company with his brother Roger, 9 March to 11 November 1757, and also accompanied the expedition for the reduction of Canada, 6 April to 25 September 1760. Six children. (See Abbe.)

(4) *Jehiel Griswold*, born 25 February 1740; died 16 May 1827; married Mary Pease, daughter of Hezekiah and Hannah Pease, who was born in 1753, and died 10 May 1833. His will, made 20

June 1817, probated 28 May 1827, mentions nine children, of whom the first five are recorded in Enfield. (See Abbe.)

(5) *Jonah Griswold*, born 28 February 1743; died 10 May 1817; married Mary ——, who died 11 June 1818. One son, who married and had six children. (See Abbe.)

(6) *Joseph Griswold* (1), born 3 October 1745; died 30 August 1746.

(7) *Joseph Griswold* (2), born 30 May 1749.

9

Tabitha Geer was born in Enfield 21 July 1712; died 30 August 1746; married in Enfield 19 February 1736 Edward Collins, son of Rev. Nathaniel and Alice (Adams) Collins. He was born 26 November 1713; died 10 October 1796. He married (2) Rebecca Hale, by whom he had several children. He was ensign in 1751; justice, 1772–9, deputy to the General Court of Connecticut from 1755 to 1779, except for one term (1777).

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *Edward Collins*, born 14 January 1737; died 4 October 1743.

(2) *Elisha Collins*, born 17 January 1739.

(3) *Ebenezer Collins*, born 17 April 1741; married, and had five children.

(4) *Tabitha Collins*, born 23 June 1743; died 7 August 1749.

10

Bathsheba Geer was born in Enfield 16 January 1715; died ——; married 7 January 1737 Charles Sexton, son of Captain Joseph and Hannah (Wright) Sexton. He was born 7 January 1708, and died 16 September 1762 on the way home from the expedition to Havana. He also served in the reduction of Fort Louis at Oswego, and in the capture of Montreal, in 1760. Lived in Somers.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

(1) *Bathsheba Sexton*, born 17 September 1741.
(2) *Charles Sexton*, born 28 April 1744; died 25 September 1762 on the way home from Havana.
(3) *Eleanor Sexton*, born 17 August 1746.
(4) *Hannah Sexton*, born 15 August 1748.

11

SHUBAEL GEER was born in Enfield 26 May 1717; died after 1790; married 20 November 1737 Hannah Pease, daughter of Ebenezer and Mindwell (Sexton) Pease.

In May 1761, he was commissioned ensign of the First Company, or Train Band, in Enfield. A few years later he removed from Enfield to Charlestown, New Hampshire.

The early history of Charlestown is very interesting. In 1740 three brothers by the name of Farnsworth, natives of Groton, Massachusetts, began a new settlement on the Connecticut about forty-five miles north of the Massachusetts line. They were soon followed by five or six others. The place was one of extreme exposure, not only from its isolation, far from help, but because it was on the banks of a wild and lonely river, the customary highway of war parties on their descent from Canada. The new settlement was called Number Four, because it was the fourth in a range of townships recently marked out along the Connecticut. Its nearest neighbor was nearly thirty miles away.

The place grew slowly, and in 1743 it had but nine or ten familes. When war seemed imminent that year, and it was clear that no help could be expected from either Massachusetts or New Hampshire, the settlers of Number Four called a meeting to consider the situation and determine what should be done. This meeting was held at the house, or log-cabin, of John Spofford. Captain Spofford, as he was later known, was born at Rowley, Massachusetts, in 1704; he married Hannah Tyler, and their daughter Peggy, in 1751, became the wife of Benjamin Allen, whose daughter, Lucy Allen, married in 1783, Walter Geer (25).

At this meeting it was voted to build a fort, which was immediately constructed. It was a square enclosing about three-quarters of an acre, each side measuring 180 feet. The wall was not of palisades, as was more usual, but of squared logs laid one upon another, and interlocked at the corners after the fashion of a log-cabin. Within were several houses, belonging to Spofford and others, which had been built previously.

In the spring of 1746, the fort was attacked by Indians no less than five times, and in the autumn was finally abandoned by the settlers. Then the authorities of Massachusetts repented of their refusal of assistance, and Captain Stevens was sent with thirty men to reoccupy the fort. Shortly after their arrival in March 1747, the place was attacked by a large war-party of French and Indians. After a memorable siege, the story of which is told at length in Parkman's *Half Century of Conflict*, the assailants finally withdrew.

The successful defence of the most exposed place on the frontier was welcome news throughout New England, and Commodore Charles Knowles, of the British Navy, who was then at Boston, sent Stevens a silver-hilted sword in recognition of his conduct. The settlers of Number Four, who soon returned to their backwoods' home, were so well pleased with this compliment to one of their fellows that they gave to the place the baptismal name of the Commodore, and it is known as Charlestown to this day.

Committee of Safety, July 1780. Read a letter from Col. Hunt of No. 4 advising that Captain Shubael Geer of said No. 4 was appointed to buy horses in the County of Cheshire for the United States.

Friday, 22 September 1780, ordered the Treasurer to make out in notes agreeable to resolution of General Court of June last for £19,900 in the names of persons in such respective sums as Captain Shubael Geer shall desire and produce receipts setting forth such purchases.

Saturday, 23 September 1780, ordered the Treasurer to discount with Shubael Geer ten thousand Continental Dollars, being money owed to Noah Emery, Esq., by order of the President.

15 February 1782, allowed and settled the account of

Captain Shubael Geer for purchasing horses, balance amounting to £7.10s.

Shubael Geer, yeoman, bought house lot No. 58, Charlestown, N. H., of Nathaniel Mills, on 13 June 1773, and sold it to Nathaniel Miles (Mills?), potter, on 18 June 1774.

This fixes the date of his arrival in Charlestown as prior to 13 June 1773. His will is not recorded in Keene or Newport, N. H., and although search was made in Concord, Keene, Walpole, Charlestown, Marlow and Claremont, no record of his death could be found. A search was also made for his will in Washington and Albany Counties, New York, thinking he might have accompanied his son Walter, but none is of record. He was living in 1790 in Charlestown with one male and two females in his household (U.S. Census, 1790, New Hampshire).

Children, all born in Enfield: 13, 9 sons and 4 daughters:

15. *Hannah Geer* (1), born 3 December 1738; died young.
16. *Sarah Geer*, born 28 November 1740.
+ 17. *Shubael Geer*, born 6 May 1743; died before 22 December 1825; married Sarah Babcock.
18. *Ebenezer Geer* (1), born 6 July 1745; died 30 August 1746.
19. *Thomas Geer*, born 5 October 1746.
20. *Ebenezer Geer* (2), born 23 October 1747; died 30 August 1749.
21. *Elihu Geer*, born 3 May 1749.
22. *Ebenezer Geer* (3), born 1 January 1751; married Sarah ——. She died 23 February 1777. He bought land in Walpole of John Bellows, 11 May 1778, and sold it to Shubael Geer, Gentleman. On 24 March 1779, he bought lots in Charlestown of John Hubbard and sold lots, 13 July 1784, to Samuel Pitman of Boston.
23. *Hannah Geer* (2), born 19 March 1753; married 31 December 1772 Joshua Markham, of Enfield. He was born 18 June 1751.
24. *Mindwell Geer*, born 10 February 1756.
+ 25. *Walter Geer*, born in 1759; died after 1808; married Lucy Allen.
26. *George Geer* (twin), born 6 June 1761; died ——;

married 20 March 1788 Anna Nott. He served in the Revolutionary War as sergeant in Captain Peter Payne's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Walbridge's Regiment (1781). One son: *Royal Geer*, born in Charlestown, N. H., 5 March 1789.

27. *Charles Geer* (twin), born 6 June 1761.

12

ELIZABETH GEER was born in Enfield 15 January 1720; died 20 October 1757; married 10 September 1747 Ebenezer Terry, born in South Kingston, R I., 29 October 1722; died 15 July 1817; married (2) 17 January 1760 Mindwell Pease, by whom he had nine children. He was the son of Ebenezer and Mary (Helms) Terry. He was deputy from Enfield to the General Court in 1761.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

(1) *Mehetable Terry*, born 4 January 1748; died 27 May 1829; married 5 December 1771 Isaac Meacham. Lived in Hartland, Conn., and Granville, Mass. Eight children.

(2) *Elizabeth Terry*, born 28 February 1750; married Samuel Lillie.

(3) *Ebenezer Terry*, born 31 August 1753; died 6 January 1854; married 29 June 1786 Susannah Prior, born about 1764, died 26 March 1847. Ebenezer Terry was a volunteer from Enfield, May 1775, in Captain Hezekiah Parson's Company, Colonel Perkin's Regiment. He went to Roxbury 15 June, and was in the battle of Bunker Hill. In August he was ordered to some town on the coast, and was at Hingham previous to his discharge, February 1776. In May 1777, he was living in Charlestown, N. H., where he enlisted with Captain Asa Walker, Colonel Bellows' Regiment, marched to Fort Independence, opposite Ticonderoga, and was discharged July 1777. After the war he lived in Hartland, Conn., Barkhamsted, Conn., Sangerfield and Guilford, N. Y. Three children.

13

THOMAS GEER was born in Enfield 1 July 1722; died in 1751; married 30 January 1746 Hannah Abbe,

daughter of Thomas and Mary Abbe. She was born 27 March 1723; died in East Windsor 12 September 1818, aged 95 years. She married (2) 15 November 1753 Noah Phelps, by whom she had six children.

Children: 2 sons:

+ 28. *Thomas Geer*, born 16 October 1746; died 10 April 1827; married Mary Pease.
+ 29. *Elihu Geer*, born 3 May 1749; died 11 May 1801; married Eleanor McClester.

14

Anna Geer was born in Enfield in December 1725; died 15 February 1764; married 10 October 1751 Aaron Pease, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Warner) Pease. He was born 1 April 1726. He was a blacksmith by trade. Collector of taxes in Enfield in 1758, 1761, and 1771. He married (2) Mary Terry, by whom he had four children.

Children: 6, 4 sons and 2 daughters:

(1) *Aaron Pease*, born 3 June 1752; married Huldah Spencer.
(2) *Levi Pease*, born 22 June 1754; married (1) 10 January 1775 Abiah, daughter of Robert Pease, of Somers; married (2) Roxa ——. Three children: two by first wife, and one by the second.
(3) *Sarah Pease*, born 2 December 1756; died 23 November 1808; married 3 November 1774 Daniel Abbe, son of John and Hannah (Boardman) Abbe. (See Abbe Genealogy.)
(4) *Stone Pease*, born 11 June 1759; married Asenath Pease.
(5) *Ann Pease*, born 6 November 1761; died young.
(6) *Ephraim Pease*, born 5 June 1763; married Jennie Philips.

FOURTH GENERATION

17

SHUBAEL GEER was born 6 May 1743; died before 22 December 1825, probably in Charlestown, N. H.; married 11 February 1766 Sarah Babcock, of Ashford.

He was a trader of Charlestown and was interested in numerous real estate deals in that town from 1773 to 1794. He bought land in Walpole, N. H., of Ebenezer Geer (22) of Charlestown, cordwainer, 22 June 1780. In the United States Census of 1790, New Hampshire, he is recorded as living in Claremont, with four free white males of 16 years and upward, two under 16, and four females of all ages, with one slave. On 22 December 1825, Sally Geer, widow of Shubael Geer of Charlestown, leased land there to Thomas Taylor. In *Thompson Gazette* (Vermont), under the head of Andover, it is stated that Shubael Geer and Amos Babcock came into that township about 1768, and made a beginning, but soon abandoned it; also that William Geer, son of Shubael, was the first child born in that town.

Children recorded at Concord and Charlestown: 5, 2 sons and 3 daughters:

30. *Anna Geer*, born in Enfield 19 March 1768.
31. *William Geer*, born in Andover, Vt., 25 September 1769; died in 1827; married Margaret ——. Three children.
32. *Cynthia Geer*, born in Andover, Vt., 19 March 1771; married, in Claremont, N. H., 21 May 1792, Charles J. Kingsley.
33. *Ralph Geer*, born 24 October 1777. (This is from the *History of Charlestown*. Concord records say he was the son of Ralph and Sarah, which would seem to be an error, as no Ralph, Sr., is of record.)
34. *Augusta Geer*, born in Charlestown 18 August 1780.

25

WALTER GEER was born in 1759, probably in Enfield, Conn., although his birth is not recorded there with the other children; died after March 1808, probably in Salem, New York; married, about 1783, Lucy Allen, daughter of Benjamin and Peggy (Spofford) Allen, born in Charlestown, N. H., 28 March 1758.

It is interesting to note that after ten generations he was the first of the family to bear the name of the remote English ancestor, Walter Geere, of Heavitree, Devon, England, who was born about 1450.

Walter Geer joined the Revolutionary Army in May 1778, at the age of nineteen, with his brother Charles, aged sixteen. They enlisted in Captain Jason Wait's Company, 1st Regiment New Hampshire Line, Colonel Joseph Cilley, as from Marlow, Cheshire County, N. H. A thorough examination of Marlow records, as well as the private collection of Mr. Elgin A. Jones, an antiquarian in that town, failed to show any residence there of the Geer family, and Mr. Jones thought the boys were employed there, probably on some farm. Their home was undoubtedly in Charlestown.

In 1781 Walter Geer sold house lot No. 60 in Charlestown. A thorough effort has been made to trace the previous history of this lot. It was owned by Moses Wheeler in 1754, but the only deed executed by him and recorded at Keene does not show the fate of this lot. Walter Geer does not appear at all as grantee, but reference to pages 156 and 157 of the *History of Charlestown* will show that County lines were very unsettled at that period, and the Register of Deeds at Keene says that many documents were not recorded on that account.

In the United States Census of 1790 he is recorded as living at Keene, New Hampshire, with one male and two females in his family, that is to say: himself, his wife and one daughter. He remained in Keene until January 1792, when his daughter died there.

In 1791 Frazier and Geer commenced an action against Enoch Hale, Esq. Enoch Hale asked the Assembly to allow him to enter it at a Court of Judicature at Am-

herst, Hillsborough (*sic*) County, N. H., as he was defaulted at the last Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at Amherst.

Walter Geer also brought in a petition, the nature of which is not stated. His petition was heard and he was allowed to bring in his bill 12 January 1791. On 8 June 1791, the House of Representatives voted for a Committee to join the Senate to consider the petition of Walter Geer. It was brought up, read and concluded, Mr. Page and Mr. Kingsbury joining. The third reading and enactment took place 17 June 1791 (N. H. State Papers). An attempt was made to get at the original records at Concord, N. H., to find out what this petition was, but without success, as the State Librarian was on vacation (August 1908).

Between the years 1781 and 1796 he lived in or visited several towns, and traces of him are found in Lebanon and Keene, New Hampshire; Windsor, Vermont; and Salem, New York. He appeared at Salem about 1796, for he was taxed there that year, and in a list of "Members of the New England Congregation in Salem prior to 1800" he is given as arriving in 1796. These items are from the collection of the late Judge Gibson of Salem. All the Church records in Salem were burned in 1840, and the town records also.

In 1798, Mr. Geer ran for a local office and advertised in the *Northern Centinell* for 13 August 1798, in a poem beginning:

> "My name I own is Walter Geer,
> I come from Charlestown in New Hampshire;
> Have wrought in Salem three years or more,
> And never yet was stumped before."

Judge Gibson's note says there is more of the poem and we have tried to get it, but have failed to locate a copy of the paper containing it.

He advertised his business in the *Northern Post*, successor to the *Centinell*, on 15 October 1804.

From a return of the Overseer of Highways of the town of Salem, March 1808, it appears that Walter Geer was assessed for three days' work. He worked two of them and commuted the third.

This is the last record of him. He left no will recorded either in Albany or Washington County, and took no part in land transactions in either place.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

35. *Harmony Geer*, born in Lebanon, N. H., 27 June 1784; died (probably) in Keene in January 1792.
36. *Lucy Geer*, born in Charlestown 29 January 1789.
+ 37. *Walter Geer*, born in Charlestown 9 January 1792; died 16 July 1855; married Henrietta Van Buren.
38. Also an infant daughter, born in Windsor 7 November 1786; died before 1790.

28

Thomas Geer was born in Enfield 16 October 1746; died 10 April 1827; married Mary Pease, born 25 September 1749; died at the age of 92 years.

In May 1780, he moved from Enfield to Charlestown, N. H. He travelled with a yoke of oxen and a cart in which were stowed his wife and children and household goods. The cart was the first vehicle of the kind (such is tradition) ever seen in Charlestown. He was on his way on the memorable "dark day" which occurred 18 May 1780, and was obliged on account of darkness to stop and put up. On coming to Charlestown, he first lived in a house near the present residence of J. G. Briggs, Jr., and had a tannery to the north of it. He also carried on the business of shoe-making. He afterwards built a house now standing on the northeast corner of East and Sullivan Streets, also a small shoe-shop, such as was then common in New England, and devoted himself to shoe-making entirely. Mrs. Geer was a milliner and dressmaker — the only one in town at that time. After moving into their new house, the family were frequently entertained by the howling wolves which used to come down at night from the deep forests and prowl around the door. He was a cordwainer. He sold on 10 December 1798, to Oliver Hall of Charlestown, "The land I now live on" in Charlestown, and its buildings, covered by mortgage to Jason Witherbee. Mary Geer signs. (Recorded 15 December 1798, Liber 30, p. 460, Keene. Name spelled "Gear,"

only instance in this branch of the family.) Trouble followed. Thomas and Jason quarreled, and the sheriff ordered Thomas to pay $12.58 costs or go to jail, 20 December 1798.

Thomas Geer, tanner, of Charlestown, bought land there of Abel Walker, 25 March 1781; and Thomas Geer, gentleman, of Charlestown sold to Jason Witherby, tanner, land in Charlestown, 20 March 1797, which had been owned by Spofford Cory and Col. Abel Walker.

Children, the first three born in Enfield and the others in Charlestown: 9, 5 sons and 4 daughters:

39. *Horace Geer*, born 20 March 1773; died 23 September 1844; married Nancy Owen.
40. *Mary Geer*, born 29 March 1775; died 14 May 1839.
41. *William Geer*, born 3 December 1777; died 10 May 1834. William Geer of Shelburne, Vt., bought of Oliver and Olive Hastings of Charlestown, lot 36 in Charlestown, "Where Thomas Geer now lives," 21 July 1810.
42. *Philena Geer*, born 19 July 1780; died 21 September 1840; married 18 January 1802 Lemuel T. Cheney, of Westmoreland.
+ 43. *Sibyl Geer*, born 11 April 1783; died 22 December 1837; married Robert Bostwick.
+ 44. *Thomas Geer*, born 13 August 1785; died 12 May 1851; married Nancy Woodbridge.
+ 45. *Seth Geer*, born 30 June 1788; died 24 February 1854; married Mary Pier.
+ 46. *Noah Phelps Geer*, born 28 May 1791; died 22 May 1877; married Sally Buchman.
+ 47. *Cynthia Geer*, born 11 September 1793; died 14 August 1838; married Peter Joslyn Boynton.

29

Elihu Geer was born in Enfield 3 May 1749; died 11 May 1801; married 10 December 1774 Eleanor McClester, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth McClester, born 13 September 1757; died 18 April 1843.

The alarm of hostilities at Lexington, Mass., (19 April 1775), reached Enfield during service on Sunday and the drum was beaten at the meeting-house door for volunteers. Elihu Geer was the first to volunteer and marched

for Boston as a corporal. He was sergeant on Governor's Island; was with the main army in New York; afterwards at posts in the Highlands on the Hudson. He served throughout the war and received a pension.

Children: 9, 4 sons and 5 daughters:

48. *Nancy Geer* (1), born in October 1775; died in March 1776.
49. *Elihu Geer*, born 7 January 1778; drowned at sea 10 October 1801.
50. *Nancy Geer* (2), born 15 June 1781; died in 1832; married in September 1802 Benjamin Loomis. Ten children. Descendants live in Burnside, Conn., and Galena, Ill.
51. *Hannah Geer*, born 11 December 1783; died 18 February 1847; married in 1804 Joseph Thompson.
52. *Fanny Geer*, born 7 January 1786; married 25 December 1808 Chauncy Bryant, One child.
53. *Betsey Geer*, born 29 April 1789; married in August 1808 Chester Paine.
+ 54. *Howard Geer*, born 9 August 1792; died 24 November 1831; married Sophia Cahoon.
55. *Timothy M. Geer*, born in September 1795; died 9 October 1802.
56. *Miles Morgan Geer*, born in 1797; died in 1797.

FIFTH GENERATION

37

WALTER GEER was born in Charlestown, New Hampshire, 9 January 1792; died in Glens Falls, New York, 16 July 1855; married, in Northumberland, New York, 2 November 1815, Henrietta Van Buren, born in Easton, New York, 20 September 1792; died in Glens Falls 17 October 1875. She was a daughter of Elizabeth Newell and Martin Van Buren, cousin of President Martin Van Buren.

The following sketch of his career is taken from the *History of Queensbury*:

His boyhood and early youth were passed with his parents in Salem, Washington County, N. Y. About the time he reached his majority, he removed to Union Village, where he was drafted and went with the militia of our Eastern border, to repel the British advance at Plattsburg, during the War of 1812. He removed, in February 1816, to Schaghticoke, where he commenced business as a tanner and currier. At this time he appears to have been the associate and peer of such men as William L. Marcy, Jonas C. Heartt, Job Pierson, Moses Warren, James Livingston and B. P. Staats; men that for a generation exercised a controlling influence over the politics of Eastern New York, and all of whom left their mark upon the dial plate of the world's progress. In March 1820, he came to Glens Falls, N. Y., and resumed the business pursued at Schaghticoke. He soon afterwards embarked in trade with Abraham Wing and L. L. Pixley; was afterwards a partner with George Sanford in the mercantile business. At the time of the enlargement of the Glens Falls Feeder (branch of the Delaware and Hudson Canal), of which he was an active promoter, he had a contract with the State for some portion of the excavation, and also built the locks at

Fort Edward. Not far from this time he went into the lumbering business with the late James D. Weston and John J. Harris. Their investments and ventures were so judiciously made, and the business so ably looked after and managed, that all these acquired a handsome competency. He was a magistrate in Queensbury, N. Y., from 1821 to 1826, and member of Assembly in 1837, a year memorable in politics for its financial crisis, and the secession of the Conservatives from the Dominant Party. He was one of the principal originators and founders of the Glens Falls Academy, and was instrumental in forwarding the erection of the Second Presbyterian Church, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1864. He was a promoter of educational and religious enterprises, an active and influential politician, a man of indomitable will, and inflexible purpose. He died 16 July 1855, and was among the first whose remains were deposited in the new cemetery, where a handsome and conspicuous monument has since been erected to his memory.

DEATH OF HON. WALTER GEER

(From the *Albany Atlas*)

"Hon. Walter Geer of Glens Falls, Warren County, died suddenly on the 16th of July, aged 63 years. He was well known and highly esteemed by all who knew him, not only in his County where he was a leading citizen, but in this city and in Troy, where he numbered many friends. He was a Democrat — consistent and intelligent, and a sound adviser and steadfast friend. He was one of the delegates of this state to represent the 15th District in the Democratic National Convention in 1852."

Children, the first two born in Schaghticoke, the others in Glens Falls: 7, 2 sons and 5 daughters:

+ 57. *Elizabeth Van Buren Geer*, born 29 January 1817; died 6 July 1886; married John Younglove.

+ 58. *Susan Cornell Geer*, born 16 January 1819; died 4 April 1889; married James Rogers.

Robert Van Glum

R. B. Glen

59. *Henrietta Van Buren Geer*, born 21 January 1821; died 31 August 1898; never married.

+ 60. *Asahel Clarke Geer*, born 6 January 1823; died 21 July 1902; married Helen Augusta Danforth.

61. *Walter Geer*, born 15 March 1825; died 28 October 1848; never married. He was a student at Union College in the class of 1845, but did not finish his course. He was subsequently a drygoods merchant in Glens Falls, where he died of typhoid fever at the age of 23 years.

62. *Abigail Geer*, born 14 April 1827; died in 1894; never married.

63. *Arabelle Geer*, born 14 April 1829; died 15 May 1853; married 13 November 1849 L. H. Baldwin. Child: 1 son: (1) Walter Geer Baldwin, born 24 December 1850; died 6 November 1872; married 19 July 1872 Louise Hicks. No issue.

43

Sibyl Geer was born in Charlestown, N. H., 11 April 1783; died in Glens Falls, N. Y., 22 December 1837; married in Vergennes, Vt., 30 March 1803, Robert Bostwick, born in New Milford, Conn., 15 March 1774; died in Vergennes 1 April 1845. He was the son of Edmund and Mercy (Ruggles) Bostwick. (See Bostwick Genealogy.)

Children, all born in Vergennes: 8, 3 sons and 5 daughters:

(1) *Julia Bostwick*, born 9 January 1804; died 11 November 1880; married 1 January 1822 Albert Blakesly. No issue.

(2) *Mary Philena Bostwick*, born 3 March 1806; died 15 August 1806.

(3) *Thomas Geer Bostwick*, born 13 November 1807; died 5 January 1808.

(4) *Edmund Geer Bostwick*, born 2 November 1810; died 5 September 1814.

(5) *Ellen Bostwick*, born 13 August 1814; died 14 May 1878; married 27 September 1836 Horace Carpenter. Three children.

(6) *Henry Pease Bostwick*, born in Vergennes, Vt., 14 February 1817; died in Brooklyn, New York, 28 December 1894; married in Bennington, Vt., 31 December 1840, Eliza Brockway. She was born in Bennington, Vt., 3 May 1822, and died

in Chilnota, Florida, 27 May 1891. Five children (Bostwick): (a) Josephus Brockway; (b) Eliza; (c) Henrietta Sibyl; (d) Robert Henry; (e) Grace.

There were also two daughters: *Nancy* and *Mary Jane*, who died young.

44

THOMAS GEER was born in Charlestown, N. H., 13 August 1785; died in Boston, Mass., 12 May 1851; married in Vergennes, Vt., 22 February 1810 Nancy Woodbridge, born there 30 August 1788; died in Rutland 8 September 1859. She was the daughter of Hon. Enoch Woodbridge, first mayor of Vergennes, for many years a representative to the General Assembly of the State, and afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Her mother, Nancy Winchel, was a lineal descendant of John Eliot, the first preacher to the Indians.

He was a saddle and harness maker by trade and was so proficient in his business that he was known throughout Vermont as "The King Saddlemaker." Most of his life was spent in Vermont, but he moved to Boston about two years before his death.

Children: 7, 4 sons and 3 daughters:

64. *Harriet Eliza Geer*, born 2 October 1810; died ——; married Frederic A. Kent, who lived in Cairo, Ill.
65. *Enoch Woodbridge Geer*, born 9 July 1812; died ——; married Letitia Burns.
+ 66. *Charles Henry Geer*, born 6 October 1817; died 25 January 1870; married Mary Caroline Lincoln.
67. *Ann Winchel Geer*, born 19 February 1820; died ——; married Warren Sparrow. Lived in Portland, Maine.
68. *Elizabeth Platt Geer*, born 21 July 1822; died ——; married 27 August 1839 Charles E. Turrill. Lived in Boston.

There were also two sons who died in infancy: *Henry Pease Geer*, born 29 October 1814; *George Geer*, born 14 December 1815.

45

Seth Geer was born in Charlestown, N. H., 30 June 1788; died 24 February 1854; married in New York 4 April 1820 Mary Pier, born 17 July 1795; died in 1880.

Seth Geer, of Vergennes, Addison County, Vt., bought of William Geer (41) of Shelburne, Chittenden County, Vt., land next to house lot No. 36, Charlestown. Thomas Geer lived on the land. He also sold land in Charlestown to Noah Phelps Geer (46), 24 September 1812. He with his wife, Lucinda, and Shubael Geer, Jr., appear as grantors in Albany County, N. Y., between 1831 and 1868.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 69. *Charles Pease Geer*, born 22 March 1821; died 11 July 1882; married Lucy Ann Guernsey.
70. *John Benjamin Geer*, born 3 February 1824.
71. *Mary Abby Geer*, born 27 September 1826.
72. *Sarah Ellen Geer*, born 15 April 1829.
73. *George Field Geer*, born 9 December 1832.

46

Noah Phelps Geer was born in Charlestown, N. H., 28 May 1791; died there 22 May 1877, aged 86 years; married 8 February 1814 Sally Buchman, born 25 July 1791; died 10 June 1873. She was the daughter of Joshua and Anna (Parks) Buchman.

He was a shoemaker. Bought land in Charlestown in 1812 from Seth Geer (*q.v.*). He sold for love and affection to his parents, Thomas and Mary, land in Charlestown for their lifetime, 25 February 1814. He bought land in Charlestown of Stephen Hasham, 17 June 1816.

Mr. and Mrs. Geer lived in the old Geer homestead, where he pursued the trade of his father for fifty-seven years. Mrs. Geer spun and wove all the cloth for her children's clothes, also the shoe thread for her husband, turning the wheel with one foot while she rocked the cradle with the other.

Children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters:

74. *Mary Geer*, born in January 1821; died 1 October 1892, aged 71 years and 9 months.
75. *Maria Geer*, born 5 May 1823; married in 1844 A. Kingsbury Maynard of Walpole, N. H.
76. *William Geer*, born in 1826; married 21 December 1871 Amogene A. Crosby, daughter of John M. and Amelia Crosby.
77. *Sibyl Geer*, married in 1849 Henry Turner.

47

Cynthia Geer was born in Charlestown, N. H., 11 September 1793; died 14 August 1838; married, in September 1814, Peter Joslyn Boynton, who died 20 August 1867. They lived in Hinesburg.

Children: 6, 3 sons and 3 daughters:

(1) *Noble Lovely Boynton*, born 6 January 1820; married twice.
(2) *Fidelia Boynton*, born 20 August 1821; married John F. Miles.
(3) *Sidney Boynton*, born 3 November 1824; married —— Weeks.
(4) *Edgar Boynton*, born 14 April 1826.
(5) *Cecelia Cynthia Boynton*, born 3 August 1828; married Ebenezer E. Lewis. Four children (Lewis): (a) Kate and (b) Frank, twins; (c) Ebenezer S.; (d) Willie O.
(6) *Jane Letisa Boynton*, born 8 January 1831.

54

Howard Geer was born 9 August 1792; died in Hartford 24 November 1831; married 28 November 1816 Sophia Cahoon, of East Windsor. After they were married they resided a year at Lyme, then removed to Hartford.

Children: 2 sons:

+ 78. *Elihu Geer*, born 1 December 1817; died 27 March 1887; married (1) Abigail S. Roberts; (2) Eliza P. Selden; (3) Eliza Ellsworth.
+ 79. *Nathan Cahoon Geer*, born 12 May 1820; died 4 September 1860; married Julia S. Burnham.

SIXTH GENERATION

57

ELIZABETH VAN BUREN GEER was born in Schaghticoke, New York, 29 January 1817; died in Orange, N. J., 6 July 1886; married in Glens Falls, N. Y., 4 February 1847 John Younglove.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Henrietta Marie Younglove*, born in Greenwich, N. Y., 3 May 1852; married in Glens Falls, N. Y., 28 June 1876, Charles Beebe, born in New York City 13 March 1852. Two children (Beebe): (a) Charles William, born in Brooklyn 29 July 1877; married in Clarkton, Va., 6 August 1902, Mary Blair Rice, born there 15 June 1879. No issue. He graduated at Columbia, B.S. 1899. He is a distinguished scientist. Honorary Curator of Birds and Director of Tropical Research of the New York Zoölogical Society. Made scientific expeditions to Nova Scotia, Mexico, Venezuela, British Guiana, India, Borneo, China and Japan. Fellow N. Y. Zoöl. Soc., N. Y. Acad. Science, cor. member London Zoöl Soc. Author: *Two Bird-Lovers in Mexico* (1905), *Log of the Sun* (1906), *Our Search for a Wilderness* (1910), *Tropical Wild Life* (1917), *Jungle Peace* (1919), *Edge of the Jungle* (1921), and *Monograph of the Pheasants* (1918–21). Address: 33 West 67th St., New York City. (b) John Younglove, born in Brooklyn 16 July 1881; died there 19 October 1881.

58

SUSAN CORNELL GEER was born in Schaghticoke, New York, 16 January 1819; died in Glens Falls 4 April 1889; married 12 September 1850 James Rogers.

Children: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *James Rogers*, born 20 June 1853; married 27 May 1874 Katherine Moore Beers, born in Ithaca, New York, 9 December 1853. He is president of J. & J. Rogers Company, manufacturers of manilla and hardware paper, at Ausable Forks, Essex County, New York. Three children (Rogers), 1 son and 2 daughters: (a) Henry Geer, born 11 February 1876; married 9 April 1901 Ada Hoffman Spaulding, born 4 September 1878. Five children (Rogers): (1) James, born 1 May 1902; (2) Frances Albertine, born 28 July 1903; (3) John Roderic, born 17 September 1905; (4) Kathryn Southworth, born 30 May 1907; (5) Adrian Spaulding, born 20 August 1912. (b) Florence Moore, born 10 December 1878; died 28 July 1900. (c) Jeannette, born 22 August 1884; married 4 November 1922 at Ausable Forks, N. Y., Ewen Charles Donald Cameron, born in Melbourne, Australia, 10 April 1884. Address: 252 West 85th St., New York.

(2) *Abby Rogers*, born 20 October 1855; married Edward M. Clark (now deceased). Two children (Clark): 1 son and 1 daughter: (a) Elizabeth, married Harry Bennett. Lives at 258 S. 10 Av., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. (b) Rogers. Lives in San Diego, California.

(3) *Walter Geer Rogers*, born 21 August 1858; married 6 October 1909 Mrs. Chastine (Hartwell) Schuyler. She died 21 February 1923. No issue. Lives in Plattsburg, New York.

60

Asahel Clarke Geer was born in Glens Falls, New York, 6 January 1823; died in Williamstown, Mass., 21 July 1902; married in Providence, Rhode Island, 24 January 1856, Helen Augusta, daughter of Keyes and Mary (Bushnell) Danforth. She was born in Williamstown 31 January 1828; died in Hoosick Falls, New York, 6 December 1916, aged nearly 89 years. She was the sixth in lineal descent from Nicholas Danforth, who came to this country in 1634 from Framlingham, Suffolk County, England, and settled in New Town (now

Cambridge), Mass., and a granddaughter of Captain Jonathan Danforth of Western (now Warren), Mass., who was a distinguished soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Geer was one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was made Honorary Vice-President General in 1896, after having served six years on the National Board as Registrar and Vice-President General.

The *New York Tribune* of July 23rd, 1902, states:

"A. C. Geer of Washington, who was stricken with apoplexy at his summer home in Williamstown, Mass., on Thursday, 17 July, died there on Monday night, 21 July. Mr. Geer was born in Glens Falls, N. Y., on 6 January 1823, and was the eldest son of Henrietta Van Buren and Walter Geer, Jr. He was prepared for college at Burr Seminary, Manchester, Vt., and entered Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1843 with the highest honors. He received from his alma mater, three years later, the degree of A.M.

"After leaving college he entered the law office of E. H. Rosekrans, at Glens Falls, with whom he remained one year. He then completed his legal studies with Geo. A. Simmons, at Keeseville, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar at the General Term of the Supreme Court held at Rochester, in October 1846. He practiced for two years with H. Z. Hayner, of Troy, and in 1848 formed a partnership with Abram B. Olin, afterwards member of Congress from Rensselaer County, and later Judge of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The firm name at first was Olin, White & Geer, and later, Olin, Geer & Colby. His practice was a large one, the firm being counsel for the Troy & Boston R. R. Co. and other large corporations of Northern New York.

"From 1862 to 1868 Mr. Geer was Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifteenth District of New York. On June 1st, 1868, he accepted the position of Secretary and General Manager of the Walter A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Company, at Hoosick Falls, N. Y., with which he remained for eighteen years, until his retirement from active business in 1886.

"In January, 1886, in conjunction with the late

Orlando B. Potter of New York, he organized the New York Architectural Terra-Cotta Company of which he was vice-president up to the time of his death.

"After Mr. Geer's retirement from active business in 1886, he purchased the residence at Washington of the late Judge A. B. Olin, where he and Mrs. Geer have since passed their winters — spending their summers in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and at Williamstown, Mass."

Mr. Geer, for many years before his death, was vestryman of the Church of the Ascension (now the Pro Cathedral) in Washington.

Children: 3 sons:

+ 80. *Walter Geer*, born 19 August 1857; married Mary Potter.

+ 81. *Danforth Geer*, born 25 May 1859; married Amy Gay.

82. *Olin White Geer*, born in Williamstown, Mass., 25 June 1866; died in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., 19 May 1884, when a student in Greylock Institute, South Williamstown, Mass., during the final year of his preparatory course for entrance to Williams College.

66

Charles Henry Geer was born in Vergennes, Vt., 6 October 1817; died in Lincoln, Ill., 25 January 1870; married 14 June 1843 Mary Caroline Lincoln, born in Boston 20 November 1822.

He was a merchant. Lived in Lincoln, Ill.

Children: 9, 4 sons and 5 daughters:

83. *Mary Caroline Lincoln Geer*, born 20 August 1844; married 10 January 1872 William Cary Howard. Lived in South Easton, Mass.

84. *Charles Edward Geer*, born 1 September 1846; died 24 September 1859.

85. *Joseph Lincoln Geer*, born 2 January 1849; married 18 May 1870 Charlotte A. Barker. Lived in Fort Howard, Wis.

86. *Lucyann Turrill Geer*, born 29 May 1851; died young.

87. *Grace Woodbridge Geer*, born 25 July 1854.

88. *Augustus Kent Geer*, born 24 August 1856; died young.
89. *Elizabeth Lincoln Geer*, born 1 September 1859.
90. *Annie Lamb Geer*, born 18 November 1861; died young.
91. *Frank Woodbridge Geer*, born 22 January 1864.

69

CHARLES PEASE GEER was born 22 March 1821; died 11 July 1882; married 12 December 1865 Lucy Ann Guernsey, born 12 March 1834.

Children: 4, 3 sons and 1 daughter:

92. *Herbert Guernsey Geer*, born 13 March 1869; died 7 March 1900; married Sara M. MacNeal. No issue.
93. *Seth Hoyt Geer*, born 30 January 1871; died 29 June 1918.
94. *Lucy Abigail Geer*, born 21 November 1872; died 8 December 1895.
+ 95. *William Chauncey Geer*, born 17 June 1876; married Effie A. Work.

78

ELIHU GEER was born in Lyme, Conn., 1 December 1817; died in Hadlyme 27 March 1887; married (1) 10 September 1839 Abigail S., daughter of Isaac Roberts, born 3 September 1819; died 4 September 1846. He married (2) 16 May 1849 Eliza Prentice Selden, daughter of Richard Ely and Elizabeth (Lynde) Selden, of Lyme. She was born 23 March 1830; died 13 May 1871. He married (3) 22 January 1873 Eliza Ellsworth, born 4 January 1837; died 24 February 1916.

He was a printer; compiler of Geer's Hartford City Directory, which gave much historical information. He founded the famous *Congregationalist* in 1839; the *Literary Harvest* in 1840; the Hartford *Evening Journal* in 1843; and the *Connecticut Bank Note List* in 1849. He was representative in the Legislature in 1861 and 1870. Moved to Hadlyme in 1861.

Children by first wife: 3 sons:

96. *Elihu Howard Geer*, born 30 June 1840; died 21 February 1912; married (1) 12 April 1876 Mrs. Laura (Pitkin) Hinckley, who died 1 May 1900. He married (2) 31 December 1902 Mrs. Alice (Hinckley) Wheaton, who died 29 December 1913. No issue.
97. *Everett Erastus Geer*, born 23 November 1842; died 3 October 1844.

There was also an infant son, born 2 August, died 3 August 1845.

Children by second wife: 9, 6 sons and 3 daughters:

+ 98. *Everett Selden Geer*, born 23 February 1850; died 24 October 1917; married Georgianna Peckham.
— An infant daughter, born 26 April, died 23 June 1852.
+ 99. *Erastus Cahoon Geer*, born 9 April 1854; married (1) Eliza Evans; (2) Jennie Loraine Bissell.
100. *Elnathan Fremont Geer*, born 6 March 1856; died 19 September 1857.
+ 101. *Ethelbert Fremont Geer*, born 5 April 1858; died 24 December 1916; married Helen R. Hazen.
102. *Editha Lynde Geer*, born 27 May 1861; married 3 May 1904 Dr. William H. Burr, of Wilmington, Del., who died 13 April 1909. No issue.
+ 103. *Erskine Hart Geer*, born 19 August 1863; married Minnie Burrows Geer.
104. *Eliza Sophia Geer*, born 10 July 1865.
105. *Elithan Eubulus Geer*, born 18 August 1867; died 2 March 1917.

Children by third wife: 2 daughters:

106. *Ethel Ellsworth Geer*, born 28 May 1874.
107. *Elene Ellsworth Geer*, born 8 November 1876; married 20 October 1923 George Alexander Orrok, born Dorchester, Mass., 3 July 1867. He has been with N. Y. Edison Co. 25 years, and is now consulting engineer. Residence: 114 East 40th St., New York City.

79

NATHAN CAHOON GEER was born in Hartford 12 May 1820; died in Peoria, Ill., 4 September 1860; married 12 October 1842 Julia S. Burnham, of East Hartford,

who was born 6 February 1823; died in Peoria 22 September 1860.

He was a printer, and published newspapers in several western towns.

Children: 9, 3 sons and 6 daughters:

108. *Nathan Hezekiah Geer*, born in Chicago 2 January 1846; died in Hartford 8 August 1866.
109. *William Erastus Geer*, born in Chicago 4 October 1848; died in Waukegan, Ill., 10 August 1855.
110. *Julia Sophia Geer* (2), born in Waukegan 18 July 1851; died in Bristol, Conn., 6 October 1866.
111. *Emma Elvira Geer* (twin), born in Waukegan 17 November 1853; died 11 March 1854.
112. *Ella Maria Geer* (twin), born 17 November 1853; died 3 July 1854.
113. *Abigail Eldora Geer*, born in Waukegan 7 February 1856; married 27 June 1878 Arthur C. Leibert, of Dresden, Germany. Lives in East Hartford.
+ 114. *Howard Washburne Geer*, born 13 April 1857; married Silena Stevens Manning.
115. *Hattie E. Geer*, born in Peoria, Ill., 26 August 1860; married 9 January 1889 Harry B. Toothe. Lives in Southington, Conn.

There was also an infant daughter, *Julia Sophia Geer* (1), born in Hartford 29 April, died 3 May 1844.

80

WALTER GEER was born in Williamstown, Mass., 19 August 1857; married in Grace Church, New York City, 26 September 1883, Mary Potter, daughter of Orlando Bronson and Martha Green (Wiley) Potter. She was born in New York City 24 December 1857.

He was educated at Greylock Institute, South Williamstown, Mass.; Williams College, A.B. 1878; A.M. 1881; Law School National University, Washington, D. C., LL.B. 1881; LL.M. 1882. Assistant manager of the Walter A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Co., Chicago, 1882–86; president and director, New York Architectural Terra Cotta Co., 1886–1918; since then, chairman of the Board of Directors; vice-president and director, New York Knife Co. and Wallkill River Co., 1901 to date. Author of *The Story of Terra Cotta* (1919); *Napoleon the Third* (1920); *Napoleon the First* (1921); *The French Revolution* (1922); also of *Recollections of the Revolution and the Empire* (1920), adapted from the French of the *Journal d'une femme de cinquante ans* by the Marquise de La Tour du Pin. Life member of the New York Historical, Genealogical and Biographical (trustee), New England, and Saint Nicholas societies; Sons of the Revolution, and Society of Colonial Wars (secretary-general); Phi Beta Kappa society and Delta Psi fraternity. Clubs: University, and Automobile, New York City.

Winter residence, 200 West 58th Street, New York City; summer home, "Crow's Nest," Ossining, New York. Address: 401 Vernon Avenue, Long Island City, N. Y.

Children: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

+ 116. *Olin Potter Geer*, born 5 February 1886; married Charlotte V. C. Nicoll.

117. *Martha Wiley Geer*, born in New York City 25 December 1887; died there 28 May 1888.

Walter Geer

Dunsworth Gibson

+ 118. *Walter Geer*, born 27 May 1889; married Alice B. McWilliams.
+ 119. *Joseph White Geer*, born 9 January 1892; married Katharine E. Hamilton.
+ 120. *Helen Danforth Geer*, born 22 December 1895; married Eugene S. Coler.

81

Danforth Geer was born in Williamstown, Mass., 25 May 1859; married in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., 6 June 1888, Amy Gay, daughter of Willard Gay, of Troy, N. Y. She was born 9 February 1861.

He was educated at Greylock Institute, South Williamstown, Mass., and Williams College, A.B. 1879. In 1878 he entered the employ of the Walter A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Company, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and was connected with the same company for forty-four years, until his retirement in 1922, occupying the positions of assistant secretary, secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and president. Village president, 1919–21; Alumni Trustee of Williams College, 1921–25; member of the Troy Club, of Troy; Hoosac Club, of Hoosick Falls; St. Anthony and University clubs of New York City; also of the Delta Psi fraternity, Rensselaer Society, Society of Colonial Wars, and Sons of the Revolution.

Residence: Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

+ 121. *Danforth Geer*, born 12 April 1889; married Ellen Windom Warren.
+ 122. *Mary Ellis Geer*, born 27 February 1891; married William L. Bradley.
+ 123. *Augusta Danforth Geer*, born 5 December 1892; married William E. Larned.

95

William Chauncey Geer was born in Ogdensburg, N. Y., 17 June 1876; married in Akron, Ohio, 29 December 1908 Effie A. Work, born in Milltown, Mass., 4 May 1874.

He was educated at the Potsdam Normal School, 1897; Cornell University, A.B. 1902, Ph.D., 1905. Instructor in Science, High School, Nyack, N. Y., 1898–99; asst. in Chemistry, Cornell, 1902–03; instructor, 1904–06; fellow, 1904–05. Expert on wood distillation, U.S. Forest Service, 1906–07; chief chemist B. F. Goodrich Co., 1907–16; director of development, 1916–18; director and second vice-president, 1918, and vice-president, 1920. Trustee and president Akron Y. M. C. A. for several years. During the Great War he was chairman Gas Defence Division of War Service Committee of Rubber Assn., and was thus adviser on gas masks to Chemical Warfare Service. Chairman of Educational Committee Akron Chamber of Commerce, 1916. Author: *The Reign of Rubber* (1922), and various magazine articles on rubber and educational topics. Member Society Automobive Engineers, Am. Chemical Society, Am. Physical Society, Am. Institute of Chemical Engineers, and National Research Council. Fellow Am. Assn. for Advancement of Science, Am. Geog. Society, and Royal Society of Arts (England). Sigma Xi Society. Clubs: City, University, Portage Country, Fairlawn Heights Golf, Akron; Lake Placid; Chemists, New York.

Residence: 630 Diagonal Road, Akron, Ohio.

Children: 2 daughters:

124. *Aurelia Henrietta Geer*, born at Akron 20 September 1915.
125. *Margery Lucy Geer*, born at Akron 1 December 1918.

98

Everett Selden Geer was born in East Hartford, Conn., 23 February 1850; died in Hartford 24 October 1917; married in Hartford 22 August 1883 Georgianna Elisabeth Peckham, daughter of Oliver and Louisa Badger (Wilson) Peckham, of Newport, R. I. She was born 8 December 1849 in South Coventry, Conn.

Everett Selden Geer was the son of General Elihu Geer, who received his title from raising and training a quota of State Militia in 1863. Elihu was a printer by trade. About 1840 he began to publish the Hartford

City Directory. Several sons also learned the trade and grew up in the business, one of whom, Everett Selden, became the president of the printing company, known as The Hartford Printing Company, in 1887, upon the death of General Geer, and held this position until his own death in 1917. Due to his untiring efforts, Geer's Hartford City Directory became a model throughout the country. This work is still carried on by other members of the family.

Everett Geer's interests were wide and varied — Y. M. C. A. and Newsboy Welfare work occupied his attention, and he devoted much time to the Connecticut Forestry Association. The subject of genealogy also had a great fascination for him, but he did not in later years take an active part in its development, due to a peculiar circumstance.

About 1875 he began to collect data from every one he heard of by the name of Geer in all parts of the country, with the intention of publishing this material in genealogical form. As the letters came in, replying to the printed blanks he sent out, he arranged the material on large sheets in chart form. At this time people generally were not much interested in genealogy, but soon these inquiries awakened an interest in family ties that was nothing short of surprising. Printed forms were sent to every state from New York to Texas and from Maine to Oregon. During the next few years some 500 replies were received, containing much valuable information. This matter as it came in was all tabulated on the charts above referred to. Many inquiries also were received in regard to the publication of the book. Mr. Geer had set every one by the name of Geer thinking of his family connection. Then occurred the tragedy. While taking the charts to Boston they were accidentally left on the train. Immediately upon missing the roll a thorough search was made and large posters were printed calling attention to the loss, but the charts, if found, were never returned.

It is no wonder after this loss that Mr. Geer did not participate again in active genealogical research. The hundreds of letters and reports, however, were safe and intact. For many years they have awaited the person

to review them and put into permanent form these priceless data. The time to use this material seemed eminently fitting when the writer was preparing the tercentenary genealogy. Therefore the family of Everett Selden Geer, — his wife, Georgianna Elisabeth Peckham, his son, Everett Selden, and his daughter, Margaret Osborne Geer Hubbard, have placed at our disposal these letters and reports, so that now the original intent and efforts of Everett Selden Geer in gathering these data will bear lasting fruit.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

126. *Everett Selden Geer*, born in St. Paul, Minn., 11 March 1887. Graduated Trinity College A.B. in 1910. Mason. Member Hartford Engineers Club, Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers, University Club of Hartford. Connected with Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford. Residence: 64 Niles Street, Hartford, Conn.

+ 127. *Margaret Osborne Geer*, born in Hartford 15 October 1893; married Russell Hale Hubbard.

99

Erastus Cahoon Geer was born in Hadlyme, Lyme, Conn., 9 April 1854; married (1) in Hartford, Conn., 20 September 1879, Eliza, daughter of Richard and Catherine Evans. She was born in New York City 5 May 1858, and died 20 October 1897. He married (2) 18 October 1899 Jennie Loraine Bissell. She was born in South Windsor, Conn., 18 July 1875, the daughter of George and Sarah Loraine (Russell) Bissell.

Residence: 12 Garvan Street, East Hartford, Conn.

Children by first wife: 4 sons:

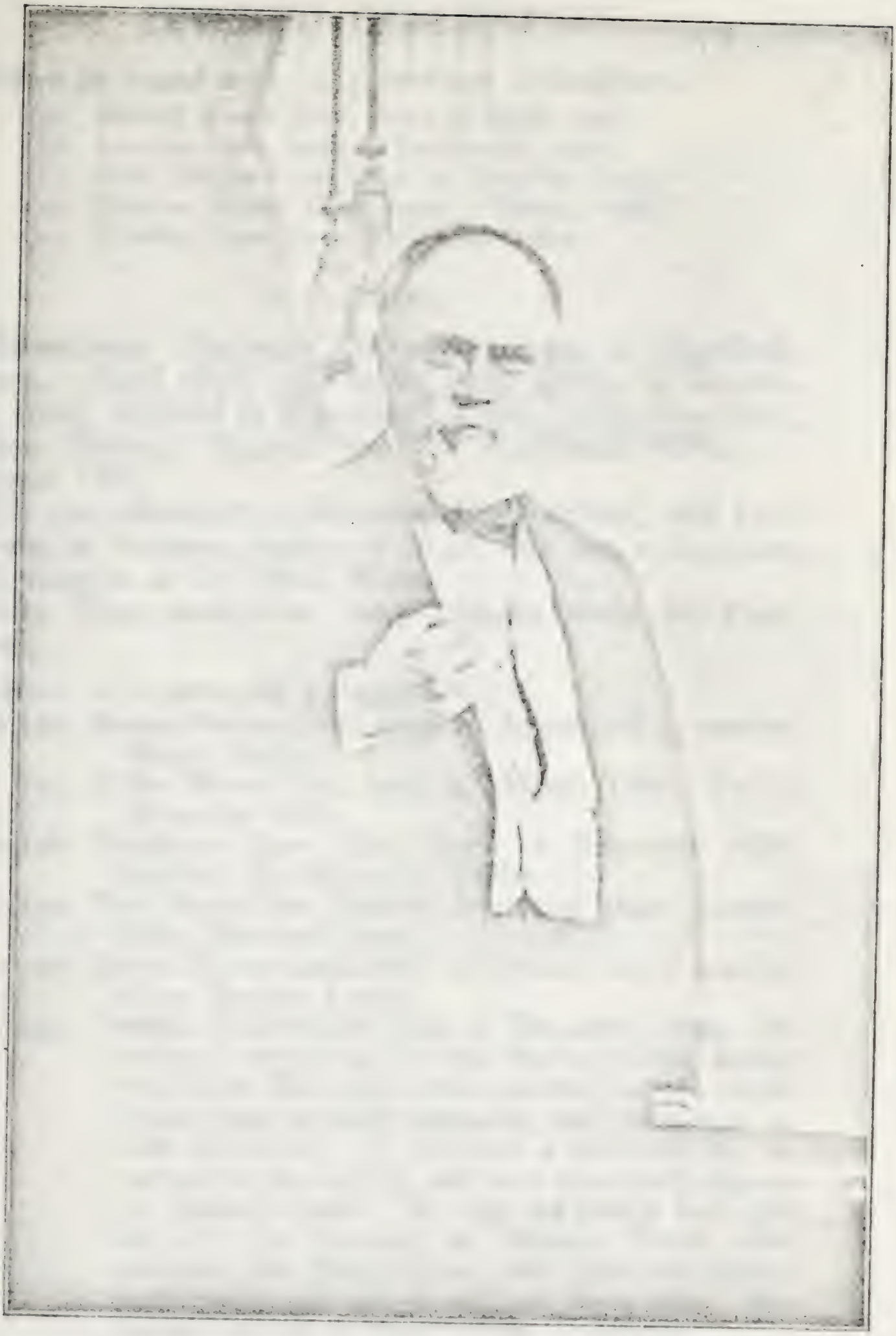
128. *Wilfred Erastus Geer*, born 6 September 1882; died 27 July 1891.

+ 129. *Erastus Cahoon Geer*, born 10 September 1888; married Helen Lillian Dunn.

130. *Charles Mersereau Geer*, born 7 March 1891; married 17 June 1916 Aida Edwina Archibald. No issue.

There was also an infant son.

William C Gee



Everett Selden Greer

Children by second wife: 5, 3 sons and 2 daughters:

131. *Russell Lynde Geer*, born 9 April 1901.
132. *Loraine Geer*, born 1 September 1902.
133. *Ruth Selden Geer*, born 29 October 1905.
134. *Clayton Bissell Geer*, born 8 March 1908.
135. *Beatrice Geer*, born 9 October 1912.

101

Ethelbert Fremont Geer was born in Hartford, Conn., 5 April 1858; died in St. Paul, Minn., 24 December 1916; married in Bloomfield, Conn., 9 October 1884, Helen Rebecca Hazen, born in Mansfield, Conn., 2 August 1863.

He was educated at Hartford High School, and University of Vermont, degree of M.D. He was a physician and surgeon at St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Geer resides at 1024 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Children: 8, 4 sons and 4 daughters:

+ 136. *Helen Fremont Geer*, born 20 August 1885; married Henry Melby.
137. *Elihu Hazen Geer*, born 27 March 1887; died 9 December 1888.
+ 138. *Ethelberta Evans Geer*, born 10 December 1888; married Dr. Henry L. Taylor.
+ 139. *Paul Hazen Geer*, born 31 December 1890; married Elsie Elizabeth Scott.
+ 140. *Everett Kinne Geer*, born 14 January 1893; married Olive Barnett Lewis.
141. *Prentice Selden Geer*, born 17 December 1894. He enlisted as private in the Marine Corps during the Great War; had seven months' service at the front; was seriously wounded, and discharged as first lieutenant. A year and a half later he returned to the service, and was appointed captain in Marine Corps. He was decorated with the D. S. C. for bravery at Belleau Wood; also received the Navy Cross, and Croix de Guerre with palm, and green and red fourragère. Stationed (1923) at Mare Island, California.
+ 142. *Harriet Hale Geer*, born 3 July 1897; married Henry Benbrook Hall.
143. *Edith Lynde Geer*, born 10 August 1904. A student (1923) at Smith College.

103

Erskine Hart Geer was born in Hadlyme, Conn., 19 August 1863; married, in Mystic, Conn., 27 April 1892, Minnie Burrows Geer, born 11 August 1867, daughter of Joseph Abner Geer, a descendant of George Geer.

He was educated at Wilbraham Academy; is a farmer; has held many town offices; member Union League Club, New Haven, also R. A. M. and K. T.; representative to the Legislature in 1897.

Resides in Hadlyme, Town of Lyme, County of New London, Conn.

Children: 5, 4 sons and 1 daughter:

144. *Erskine Hart Geer*, born 19 March 1893. Graduated Conn. Agricultural College.
145. *Frances Burrows Geer*, born 24 September 1894.
146. *Leslie Geer*, born 17 June 1899; married 23 August 1919 Grace Clark, who died 24 August 1920.
147. *Elihu Geer*, born 27 July 1902.
148. *Hollis Geer*, born 26 October 1905.

114

Howard Washburne Geer was born in Waukegan, Ill., 13 April 1857; married 1 January 1880 Silena Stevens Manning, daughter of Charles F. Manning, of East Hartford, Conn.

Children: 2 daughters:

149. *Hattie E. Geer*, born 10 September 1881.
150. *Ethel L. Geer*, born 28 May 1884; died 23 April 1885.

EIGHTH GENERATION

116

Olin Potter Geer was born in Chicago 5 February 1886; married in Granite Springs, N. Y., 5 September 1913, Charlotte Van Cortlandt Nicoll, daughter of Edward Holland and Edith (Travers) Nicoll. She was born in Flushing, Long Island, 15 July 1886.

He graduated at Williams College, A.B. 1907; and Law School of Columbia University, LL.B. 1910. Practiced law in offices of Miller, King, Lane & Trafford; White & Case; and Murray, Prentice & Howland, 1910–19; assistant U.S. attorney, Southern District of New York, 1919–20; since member of firm of Olney & Geer, in partnership with Peter B. Olney, Jr. (now Referee in Bankruptcy). Director and vice-president of the O. B. Potter Properties, Inc. Member Seventh Regiment, N. G. N. Y. for seven years; Field Artillery Central Officers Training School, 1918. Member University Club, New York City; and Ninth Company (7th Regt.) Veteran Association.

Residence: 2 Melrose Place, Montclair, N. J. Office address: 2 Rector St., New York City.

Children: 2 daughters:

151. *Edith Geer*, born 21 December, died 22 December 1916.
152. *Blanche Potter Geer*, born 28 December 1920.

118

Walter Geer was born in New York City 27 May 1889; married in Ossining, N. Y., 23 December 1915, Alice Beattie McWilliams, daughter of the Rev. James A. and Sarah Alice (Beattie) McWilliams. She was born in Ossining 8 December 1889.

He was educated at Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn., and Yale University, Ph.B. 1911. He has since

been connected with the New York Architectural Terra Cotta Company, of which he is now director, vice-president and treasurer; also treasurer National Terra Cotta Society. He served three years with the Seventh Regiment, N. G. N. Y., including service on the Mexican border in 1916. Member of the Yale Club, Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Sons of the Revolution, and Society of Colonial Wars, New York City; Sachem Club at Yale.

Residence: Palisade Ave., Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. Office address: 401 Vernon Ave., Long Island City, N. Y.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

153. *Sarah Alice Geer*, born 14 March 1918.
154. *Walter Hamilton Geer*, born 23 October 1920.

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Joseph White Geer was born in New York City 9 January 1892; married in Syracuse, N. Y., 24 February 1917, Katharine Ellis Hamilton, daughter of James Lawrence and Clara Ellis (Beach) Hamilton. She was born in Syracuse 7 September 1890.

He was educated at the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn., and Williams College, A.B. 1914. He then took a post-graduate course at St. John's Military School, Manlius, N. Y. Commissioned as 2d lieutenant, U.S. Army, 30 November 1916, and assigned to the 6th Cavalry; promoted 1st lieutenant as of same date; and captain, 4 February 1919. Served on the Mexican border 1917, and with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, March 1918 to June 1919; later at Camp Upton, N. Y.; Baltimore, Maryland; and with the 7th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas. Transferred to 2d Machine Gun Squadron 24 December 1921. Ordered to Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas, 1 September 1922, and to 6th Cavalry, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., 1 September 1923. Member of the fraternity of Delta Psi; Sons of the Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars; University, Army and Navy, Saint Anthony, and Williams clubs, New York City, and Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C.

Address: Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Allen Potter Geer

Walter Geer, Jr.

Joseph White Geer

Dunforth Geer, Jr.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

155. *Frances Lawrence Geer*, born in Syracuse 19 November 1918.
156. *Joseph White Geer*, born in Baltimore 19 May 1920.

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HELEN DANFORTH GEER was born in New York City 22 December 1895; married there 28 June 1919 Eugene Seeley Coler, son of William Nicholas and Lilly E. (Seeley) Coler. He was born in Newark, N. J., 13 January 1896.

He served during the Great War with the British Air Forces, with the rank of captain, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry in action at Cambrai in September 1918, where he was severely wounded. On his return, he finished his medical course at McGill University, Montreal, receiving the degree of M.D. in 1922. Now on the Staff of the Sloane Hospital, New York City.

Address: 108 East 81st Street, New York City.

Child: 1 daughter:

(1) *Helene Danforth Coler*, born in Montreal 10 October 1921.

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DANFORTH GEER was born in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., 12 April 1889; married in Williamstown, Mass., 28 September 1918, Ellen Windom Warren, daughter of Bentley Wirt and Ellen Hatch (Windom) Warren, of Boston, and granddaughter of the late William Windom, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. She was born in Boston, Mass., 20 April 1898.

He graduated at Williams College, A.B. 1911, and Harvard Law School, LL.B. 1915. Member of the firm of Baldwin & Hutchins. During the Great War he was 2d lieut., attached to General Staff, Operation Division, Equipment Branch, Washington, D. C. Member Military Order Foreign Wars, Sons of the Revolution, Founders and Patriots of America, Society of Colonial Wars; Delta Psi fraternity; University, Harvard and

Williams clubs, New York City, and Short Hills Country Club.

Residence: Short Hills, N. J. Office: 120 Broadway, New York City.

Child: 1 son:

157. *Danforth Geer*, born in New York 17 September 1919.

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Mary Ellis Geer was born in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., 27 February 1891; married there 26 September 1914 William Lambert Bradley, son of Peter Butler and Elizabeth Woodard (Guild) Bradley. He was born in Boston 10 February 1889.

He was educated at preparatory schools, and was a member of the class of 1914 at Yale, but did not finish the course. He has been general manager of the manufacturing department of the American Agricultural Chemical Company. Member of the Yale and New York Athletic clubs; Wykagyl and Pelham country clubs.

Residence: 205 Elderwood Ave., Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Children: 2 daughters:

(1) *Mary Gay Bradley*, born in New York City 4 August 1915.

(2) *Nancy Geer Bradley*, born in New York City 26 September 1919.

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Augusta Danforth Geer was born in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., 5 December 1892; married in Washington 16 May 1918 William Edmund Larned, son of Colonel Charles William and Louise Hoffman (Alexander) Larned. He was born in West Point, N. Y., 27 January 1888.

He was educated at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., class of 1910, and U.S. Military Academy, West Point, diploma class of 1911. Commissioned 2d lieutenant 29th Infantry; promoted 1st lieutenant 5th Infantry, at Panama; transferred to Field Artillery; promoted captain and assigned to 19th F. A.; promoted major, and lieut. col. and colonel (temporary) F. A., and was with

the A. E. F. in France during the Great War; demoted to captain, and promoted major F. A.; transferred to Ordnance Department, and served as Ordnance Officer, 6th Corps Area, at Chicago. Ordered 24 October 1922 to Watervliet Arsenal. Member of the Army and Navy clubs, Washington and New York; University Club, Chicago; Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

Address: Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N. Y.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *William Edmund Larned,* born in Albany 3 July 1919.

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MARGARET OSBORNE GEER was born in Hartford, Conn., 15 October 1893; married there 11 September 1920 Russell Hale Hubbard, son of Charles E. and Addie (Williams) Hubbard, of Meriden, Conn.

She graduated at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., 1916.

Child: 1 son:

(1) *Russell Hale Hubbard,* born in New Britain, Conn., 10 March 1922.

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ERASTUS CAHOON GEER was born in Hartford 10 September 1888; married 18 September 1915 Helen Lillian Dunn.

Child: 1 son:

158. *Douglas Hart Geer,* born in Hartford 22 March 1917.

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HELEN FREMONT GEER was born in St. Paul, Minn., 20 August 1885; married 10 March 1911 Henry Charles Melby.

Address: Caixa Postal 254, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Children, all born in Portland, Oregon: 3, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

(1) *John Fremont Melby,* born 1 July 1913.
(2) *Everett Kinne Melby,* born 19 April 1915.
(3) *Mary England Melby,* born 8 September 1917.

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Ethelberta Evans Geer was born in St. Paul, Minn., 10 December 1888; married 8 September 1910 Dr. Henry Longstreet Taylor.

Address: 748 Linwood Place, St. Paul, Minn.

Children, born in St. Paul: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Henry Longstreet Taylor*, born 2 March 1912.
(2) *Laura Carroll Taylor*, born 1 April 1915.

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Paul Hazen Geer was born in St. Paul, Minn., 31 December 1890; married 18 August 1914 Elsie Elizabeth Scott.

During the Great War he was coxswain U.S. Navy, in transport duty overseas. He is at present a court reporter.

Address: 1515 Albany Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Children: 3, 1 son and 2 daughters:

159. *Paul Hazen Geer*, born in Portland, Oregon, 17 August 1915.
160. *Mary Elizabeth Geer*, born in Portland 7 April 1917.
161. *Sarah Alden Geer*, born in St. Paul 16 August 1920.

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Everett Kinne Geer was born in St. Paul, Minn., 14 January 1893; married in Boston 15 May 1918 Olive Barnett Lewis.

She graduated Univ. of Minnesota B.A. 1915. He received from same university degree B.S. 1915 and M.D. 1917. During the Great War he was lieutenant in Medical Corps U.S. Navy, in transport service overseas. He is now a physician at St. Paul.

Address: 1050 Lombard Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

162. *Patricia Geer*, born 3 March 1919.
163. *Everett Kinne Geer*, born 28 April 1922.

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HARRIET HALE GEER was born in St. Paul 3 July 1897; married 10 April 1919 Henry Benbrook Hall.
Address: 840 Osceola Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Children: 2, 1 son and 1 daughter:

(1) *Henry Benbrook Hall,* born in St. Paul 25 March 1920.

(2) *Prudence Hall,* born 10 December 1922.

PART THREE

ALLIED FAMILIES
UNPLACED GEERS
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NOTE

* Accepted by the Society of Colonial Wars.
† Accepted by the Sons of the Revolution.
‡ Accepted by the Founders and Patriots of America.
** Accepted by the Colonial Wars and Colonial Dames.
Names accepted by the S. R. and S. A. R. are also generally accepted by the D. A. R.

ALLIED FAMILIES

ABBE

John Abbe, of Salem and Wenham, born in England about 1613; died in Salem about 1690; married Mary ——. She died 9 September 1672 in Wenham, Mass. John, a yeoman, was a proprietor of Salem, 1636, and moved to Wenham about 1642.

Thomas Abbe, son, born in 1656; died 17 May 1728, in Enfield, Conn.; married Sarah Fairfield 16 December 1683 in Marblehead. Thomas Abbe was a soldier from Wenham in King Philip's War, 1675. He was engaged in the "Great Swamp Fight," 19 December 1675, and was "among the wounded" in Rhode Island, 6 January 1676. He must have moved to Enfield about 1682.

Sarah Abbe, daughter, born 31 March 1684 in Enfield, Conn.; died 16 February 1732 in her 47th year; married 27 January 1703 Shubael Geer (3).

ALLEN

Edward Allen, of Ipswich and Suffield, born ——; died 22 November 1696; married 24 November 1658 Sarah Kemball.

Caleb Allen, son, of Suffield, Enfield and Northfield, born 31 March 1685; died in Northfield 23 September 1761; married 4 April 1721 Hannah Eaton.

*Benjamin Allen, son, born in 1724; married 6 November 1751 Peggy Spofford. He was enlisted in Capt. Phineas Stevens' Company, in garrison at No. 4 (Charlestown, N. H.), from 10 March to 20 October 1748, and again in 1749 and 1750, and is believed to have shared in all the dangers incident to the time and the defence of the place up to the conquest of Canada.

Lucy Allen, daughter, born 28 March 1758; married in 1783 Walter Geer (25).

ALLYN

ROBERT ALLYN, born about 1608, in England; died in 1683, at a place now called Allyn's Point, Ledyard, Conn., then a part of the town of New London; married Sarah ——. He is said to have been a brother of William Allen, who was born about 1602, in Manchester, England, and who came to Cape Ann with the Dorchester Company in 1623, afterwards removing to Salem (1626) with Roger Conant; about 1640 he located at Jeffries Creek. Robert was of Salem in 1637; enrolled there as a member of the church, 15 May 1642. He was a proprietor at Jeffries Creek (1648) and was a constable there; in 1649 he was made a freeman. In 1651 he came to New London, the new settlement on the west of the river Thames. In 1656 he and John Gager removed east of the river. The country in the rear of their grants was wild and desolate; they were so far removed from the town plot that the General Court, in 1658, released them from fines for not attending town-training. They appear, however, still to have attended the Sabbath meeting, probably coming down the river in canoes. In 1661 he styles himself as of "New Norridge," and he was a constable there in 1669. He built a house in Norwich, in the western part of the town plot, and evidently resided there for a time, later relinquishing it to his son John, and returning to his farm within the bounds of New London. Part of the land he owned east of the Thames is now known as the Copp Farm. The farm where he settled and established a trading post on the Thames River is still known as Allyn's Point, and is still owned and occupied by the Allyn family of the ninth generation. He was freed from training in 1668, an immunity not usually granted to men under sixty. His wife Sarah was a witness in court in 1642. At his death he left his son £133 and each daughter £66 6s.

SARAH ALLYN, his daughter, born in Salem 1642, married GEORGE GEER (1).

BUSHNELL

‡FRANCIS BUSHNELL, born in England; died 1646; married Rebecca ——. He was one of the first settlers of Guilford, Conn., 1 June 1639.

*WILLIAM BUSHNELL, (Lieut.), son, died 12 November 1683; married Rebecca Chapman of Saybrook, sister of Robert. William Bushnell was confirmed to be lieutenant of Train

Band at Saybrook, Conn., in May 1679. He had been made sergeant of the same under Lieut. William Pratt in 1661. He was deputy to the General Court of Connecticut in 1670.

WILLIAM BUSHNELL, son, born 15 February 1649; died 9 December 1711; married Rebecca —— 7 October 1673. She died 14 May 1703.

EPHRAIM BUSHNELL, son, born 14 February 1676; married 16 October 1712 Anne Hill.

THOMAS BUSHNELL, son, born 24 August 1722; died in October 1771; married Dorothy Douglas 24 June 1756 in Saybrook, Conn.

EPHRAIM BUSHNELL, son, of Saybrook, Conn., born 24 August 1760.

MARY BUSHNELL, daughter, born 28 September 1784; died 27 January 1867; married in 1800 KEYES DANFORTH.

CHAMBERLAIN

*WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN, born about 1620, of Woburn and Billerica; died 31 May 1706 in Billerica. He was a soldier in Sergt. Hill's garrison house, Billerica, 8 October 1675. He received payment for military service at Billerica 24 February 1677.

SARAH CHAMBERLAIN, daughter, born 20 May 1655; married 9 January 1677, JOHN SHED.

CHESEBROUGH

*WILLIAM CHESEBROUGH, born in Boston, England, in 1594; died in 1667; married in Boston, England, 6 December 1620 Anna Stevenson. Came to America in 1630. Their tenth child was + *Nathaniel.*

*NATHANIEL CHESEBROUGH, born in Boston, England, 25 January 1630; died in 1676; married in 1659 in Stonington, Conn., Hannah Denison, second daughter of Captain George Denison and Bridget Thompson, his first wife. Their sixth child was + *Samuel.*

SAMUEL CHESEBROUGH, born 14 February 1674; married 4 January 1799 Priscilla Alden, daughter of David, and granddaughter of John Alden, of Plymouth, Mass. (of the *Mayflower*). Their sixth child was + *Sarah.*

SARAH CHESEBROUGH, born 14 August 1715; married 27 November 1739 JAMES GEER (37).

COOWIE

MIRIAM COOWIE, born 9 July 1748, in Warren, Mass., the daughter of Andrew and Jane Coowie; died in Williamstown, Mass., in 1820; married 13 September 1770 JONATHAN DANFORTH. She was a woman of remarkable character and ability. Left alone at home during the Revolutionary War with her family of small children she, with the aid of her young sons, carried on the farm, enduring untold hardships which made her a cripple from rheumatism for several years before her death. Her husband, Jonathan, raised a company of Minute Men at Western, now Warren, Worcester County, Mass., and fought at the battle of Bunker Hill with his two sons, Joshua and Jonathan. While at Boston he was taken sick with smallpox and his wife made the trip on horseback from Western to Boston, a distance of almost one hundred miles, carrying a babe of eleven months, and nursed him through his illness and then returned on horseback to Western. Some years later Jonathan moved to Williamstown and purchased a farm of several hundred acres, on which he lived and died. This farm was also the residence of his son Keyes, and of his grandson of the same name, during their lives, but is now no longer in the possession of the family.

Captain Jonathan raised a company of Minute Men at Williamstown, which he commanded at the battle of Bennington. Before leaving home he told his wife that if information reached her that the enemy were marching on Williamstown, she was to harness the oxen to a cart and carry away everything she could. Twice the report reached her that the enemy were coming and twice she loaded her cart, but the reports proved to be false. After the battle some British officers who had been captured, and their wives, were quartered on her for several days, and one of the women left with her an embroidered silk dress which, tradition says, "was so thick that it could stand alone." This was afterwards her daughter's wedding dress.

DANFORTH

*NICHOLAS DANFORTH, progenitor of the American branch of this family, was baptized in Framlingham, England, 1 March 1589; died in Cambridge, Mass., in April 1638; married Elizabeth Symmas. She died in Framlingham, and was buried there 22 February 1623.

Nicholas was the son of Thomas Danforth, who married Jane Sudbury 24 January 1585. He was buried 21 March 1601.

The parish registers of Framlingham show that Nicholas was one of the leading men there, being a church warden in 1622. We learn further from the history of the town that he was a member of the "Court Baron" or "Borough Leet Jury" in 1629.

Nicholas came from Framlingham, Suffolk, England, in 1634 and settled in Cambridge, Mass. He is mentioned in the town records there as a proprietor in 1635. The historian of Cambridge states that he resided in what is now called Bow Street, near Mt. Auburn Street. He was chosen a deputy or representative to the General Court of Massachusetts in 1635.

*JONATHAN DANFORTH, (Capt.), youngest son of Nicholas, born in Framlingham, England; baptized there 2 March 1628; died 7 September 1712, in Billerica, Mass. He married 22 November 1654, in Boston, Elizabeth Powter (or Poulter), by whom he had eleven children. She was born 1 September 1633, in Raleigh, England; died 7 October 1689, in Billerica. After her death he married (2) 17 November 1690 Esther Champney, of Cambridge, the widow of Josiah Converse, of Woburn. She died soon after her husband, 5 April 1713.

As a child, Jonathan came with his father, brothers and sisters to Cambridge and was there brought up. He became a resident of the new town of Billerica. He was selectman, town clerk, representative, and captain of the Billerica Company of Militia in 1689, having been commissioned as such 10 October 1683. He made his will 23 April 1712. It was probated 27 October 1712.

† JONATHAN DANFORTH, (Ensign), eldest son of Captain Jonathan, born in Billerica 18 February 1659; died 17 January 1711; married 27 June 1682 Rebecca Parker, born in Chelmsford May 1661; died in Billerica March 1754. He was in garrison in Billerica at his father's house, 14 October 1675.

SAMUEL DANFORTH, third son of Ensign Jonathan, born 16 September 1692, in Billerica; died about 1749; married 5 August 1714 DOROTHY SHED, born in Billerica 14 January 1692. The records show that administration was granted 17 August 1749 to Samuel Danforth, Jr., on the estate of Samuel Danforth, yeoman. The inventory included: "One right in a township granted to the soldiers that weare in the Narraganset wars."

†JONATHAN DANFORTH, (Capt.), youngest son of Samuel, born 14 June 1736, in Billerica; died in Williamstown, Mass., in February 1802; married (1), in Warren, 22 April 1759, Lydia, daughter of Nathaniel and Phoebe (Lamb) Read, by whom he had five children. Married (2), 13 September 1770, MIRIAM COOWIE, by whom he had six children. She was born 9 July 1748, in Warren, Mass.

Jonathan moved to Western, now Warren, Mass., and resided there, and at Williamstown.

By his first wife, Lydia, Jonathan had two sons and three daughters. Joshua, the eldest son, settled in Pittsfield, Mass., and was postmaster there for over forty years. He was one of the founders of the Society of the Cincinnati. Another son, Jonathan, settled in St. Albans, Vt. One of his daughters, Mrs. Billings, settled in Cambridge, N. Y. Another settled in Vermont, and her granddaughter, Mrs. Woodward, was the mother of Vice-President William A. Wheeler. Another daughter married Judge Poland, for many years Senator from Vermont.

The following is the official memorandum of Jonathan's military service, as accepted by the Society of the Sons of the Revolution:

"Jonathan Danforth, of Western, sergeant in Captain Reuben Read's Company of Minute Men, Colonel Jonathan Warner's Regiment, which marched 20 April 1775 to Roxbury in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; also captain in Colonel David Brewer's Massachusetts Continental Regiment, from 24 April to December 1775; also captain of the 8th Company in the 6th Regiment Massachusetts Continental Infantry, Colonel Asa Whitcomb, from January to December 1776; in camp at Ticonderoga 27 November 1776; captain in Colonel Wigglesworth's Regiment; Minute Man at the battle of Bunker Hill; also at the battle of Bennington, Vt."

KEYES DANFORTH, third son of Jonathan by his second wife, Miriam, born in Williamstown, Mass., 6 June 1778; died there 6 October 1851; married in 1800 MARY BUSHNELL. He served several terms in the State Legislature of Massachusetts, and was for many years the leader of the Democratic Party in Berkshire County. Three of his four sons were lawyers and his four daughters all married lawyers. Mary, the eldest daughter, married Judge Abram B. Olin, who was one of the most prominent lawyers in eastern New York, served three terms in Congress, and was appointed by President Lincoln as Judge of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Another daughter, Hannah, married Joseph

White, one of the most distinguished scholars in New England. Mr. White was for a time partner of Judge Olin, and afterwards succeeded Horace Mann and Governor Boutwell as Secretary of the Board of Education of Massachusetts. He was one of the founders and trustees of Smith College, and for nearly forty years treasurer and trustee of Williams College. Another daughter, Harriet, married Colonel George H. Brown of Providence, for many years leader of the Bar of the State of Rhode Island, Representative in Congress, and a distinguished soldier in the Civil War as commander of a regiment from Rhode Island. The eighth and youngest child and fourth daughter was HELEN AUGUSTA.

HELEN AUGUSTA DANFORTH, born in Williamstown, Mass., 31 January 1828; married 24 January 1856 ASAHEL CLARKE GEER (60).

DAVIS

ROBERT DAVIS, of Yarmouth and Barnstable, died in 1693; married ——. His name appears on the list of those who were able to bear arms in Yarmouth in August 1643. His character for honesty and industry he transmitted to his posterity. All of his descendants for eight successive generations have been noted for their honest dealings and industrious habits.

DEBORAH DAVIS, daughter, of Yarmouth, Mass., was born in January 1646; died in January 1736 aet. "about ye 95th year"; married THOMAS GEER (1).

DEYO

This old French name has had many spellings in the original records of New York State at Kingston and New Paltz: d'Oyeau, Doyau, Doioie, Doyo, Daiau, Dyeo, Deyoe. The family was known in the passes of the Jura Mountains as early as 1050.

CHRISTIAN DEYO, the American forebear, was a native of Calais, France. About 1660, he went to Mannheim, Germany, to escape religious persecution, and thence emigrated to America in 1673. He first settled at Esopus, now Kingston, N. Y. In 1677, he was one of the founders of New Paltz, where he died ten years later. In the treaty with the Indians, from whom the land was purchased, he signed with his mark, and the name was written De Yoo. His wife was Jeanne

Vebeau, who probably died in Europe, as there is no record of her here.

PIERRE DEYO, only son of Christian, born in Saint Pol, Artois, France, about 1650; married, in Germany, 21 January 1675, Agatha Nickol. He must have followed his father to America soon after that date, as he was one of the settlers of New Paltz in 1677.

CHRISTIAN DEYO, eldest son of Pierre, born in 1675 (baptized 17 April 1681); married, 1701, Marie Lecomte.

MOSES DEYO, third son of Christian, born about 1707 (baptized 26 January); married in 1728 Claartjen Stockraad.

CHRISTIAN DEYO, eldest son of Moses, born about 1737; married in 1762 Alida Terwilliger.

MARIA DEYO, a daughter, born about 1770, married PETER GEER (403).

EATON

‡JOHN EATON, born in England about 1595. He settled in Salisbury about 1639-40; afterwards removed to Haverhill, in November 1646. He died 29 October 1668; married Ann ——. She died 5 February 1660. He received land in Salisbury in 1640-43-46. Was a selectman at Haverhill in 1648. He appears in one of Whittier's stories as Captain John Eaton.

THOMAS EATON, son, born before 1630; died 15 December 1708; married Eunice ("Unity") Singletary.

*THOMAS EATON, son, born 18 March 1660; died 15 March 1697; married Hannah Webster 5 May 1684. He served under Captain Poole in King Philip's War. Was killed by the Indians.

HANNAH EATON, daughter, born in Haverhill, Mass., 30 September 1688; died 8 June 1786, in Northfield, Mass., aged 88 years; married CALEB ALLEN.

GREEN

THOMAS GREEN, the progenitor of this family in America, was born in 1606, in Leicestershire (probably), in England; died 9 December 1667. He married Elizabeth ——, by whom he had five sons and five daughters. It seems most probable that with his wife Elizabeth, and at least three of his children, he came over among the early settlers of the Massachusetts

Colony; that he remained temporarily in some one of the new settlements, perhaps Ipswich, till about 1649 or 1650, when he removed to the northern part of Malden (now Melrose), the southern part having been already occupied by settlers from Charlestown; that there he came into possession of his farm, consisting of "meadow, broken upland and waste land, being by estimation 63 acres, with the meadow at Ensign Lynds," (Thomas Greene's Inventory). His farm was situated just east of the present site of the Stoneham railroad station.

SAMUEL GREEN, youngest son of Thomas, born in March 1645; died 31 October 1724; married, in 1666, Mary, daughter of Richard Cook.

THOMAS GREEN, second son of Samuel, born in Malden, in 1669; died 24 August 1745; married 10 May 1698 Hannah, daughter of John Vinton, of Woburn.

THOMAS GREEN, eldest son of Thomas, born at Malden 9 December 1702; died in 1753; married Mary, daughter of Daniel Green, of Stoneham.

JEREMIAH GREEN, youngest son of Thomas, born 1 June 1762; died in 1836; married, in 1782, Martha Green, of Stoneham. He left a very handsome estate. He enlisted in the Revolutionary War from South Reading, Mass., and served for over nine months as a private in the Massachusetts troops under Captain Green and Colonel Howe. He was granted a pension for these services, in 1833, at the age of seventy.

KETURAH GREEN, fourth daughter of Jeremiah, born 12 May 1793; died 24 May 1846; married 5 January 1809 BENJAMIN BROWN WILEY.

HOPKINSON

MICHAEL HOPKINSON, buried 28 February 1649; married Ann ——. She was born about 1615 and died 24 September 1678. He was admitted to the First Church, Boston, 6 January 1639; dismissed to Rowley 24 November 1639; freeman, 13 May 1640; owned an acre and a half house lot on Bradford Street in 1643.

*JOHN HOPKINSON, son, of Rowley, born 7 January 1646; died 29 May 1704; married ELIZABETH PEARSON, 8 June 1670. He served in Capt. Brocklebank's Company, King Philip's War.

DORCAS HOPKINSON, daughter, born 26 February 1676, married 15 February 1700 CAPT. JOHN SPOFFORD.

KEMBALL

RICHARD KEMBALL, of Watertown and Ipswich, born about 1595; married about 1614 in Rattlesden, Suffolk, England, URSULA SCOTT. She died before 23 October 1661. He came to this country in the ship *Elizabeth*, in 1634, the same ship and voyage that brought Thomas Scott and his wife and mother, and Robert Goodell and family. The Skotts or Scotts and Kimballs came from Rattlesden, Suffolk, England.

SARAH KEMBALL, daughter, born in Watertown, Mass., in 1635; died 12 June 1696; married 24 November 1658 EDWARD ALLEN.

MESSINGER

HENRY MESSINGER and his wife Sarah were residents of Boston prior to the year 1640. He was the first known proprietor of the land upon which the Massachusetts Historical Society Building and the Boston Museum afterward stood. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1658. His wife left the Messinger coat of arms in her will to their son Simon. These arms are not described.

JOHN MESSINGER, son, born 25 January 1641; married Martha ——.

ANNA MESSINGER, daughter, of Boston, born in 1677; died 11 February 1746; married CAPT. JOHN TYLER.

NEWTON

SHADRACK NEWTON, the forebear, came from England some years prior to the American Revolution. He enlisted from Southboro, Mass., in the Revolutionary Army, 4 December 1775, and served forty days, the return being dated Dorchester, 13 January 1776.

SHADRACK NEWTON, his son, born in England in 1753; died 15 October 1837, aged 84 years. He came from England with his father. He enlisted from Westminster, Mass., in the Revolutionary Army, in May 1777, and served three years. On 4 April 1818, at the age of 65, he applied for, and was granted a pension, his residence being given as Warrensburg, N. Y. He married in Westminster 15 April 1784 Mary Ann Dike, who was born in 1756 and died in 1848, aged 92 years. She had three brothers in the Revolutionary Army.

SAMUEL NEWTON, his son, born 25 January 1788; died 28 March 1861; married 1 January 1811 ABBY GEER (250).

NICHOLAS NEWTON, another son of Shadrack Newton, Jr., had a son, *Pliny Newton*, who married Margaret Stackhouse (4), and another son, *Josiah Newton*, who married Keziah (5) and Catherine Stackhouse (8), all three daughters of KEZIAH GEER (249).

A brother of Nicholas (name not of record) had a son, *Milo Newton*, who married Eliza Newton (1), daughter of ABBY GEER (250), and another son, *Samuel P. Newton*, who married Alice Stackhouse (2), daughter of KEZIAH GEER (249).

PEARSON

**JOHN PEARSON, born in England ——; died in Rowley, Mass., 22 December 1693; married Dorcas ——, who survived him nine years, dying 12 January 1703. On coming from England, he settled in Rowley, in 1643, and there set up a fulling mill, the first of the kind in America. He was a man of property, and active and prominent in the community. His name appears often in the town records in connection with transfers of land. He was made deacon in October 1686, and was representative to the General Court from 1678 to 1683, and again in 1685 and 1686.

ELIZABETH PEARSON, his daughter, born 17 October 1646 (or 1652); married 8 June 1670 JOHN HOPKINSON.

PEASE

ROBERT PEASE, born in Great Baddow, Essex County, England, in 1607; died in Salem, Mass. (administration) in 1644; married Marie ——. He is supposed to have been the son of Robert and Margaret Pease.

The Pease family was found in Germany in the year 972, where it was granted by the Emperor Otho II a coat of arms which was continued by the members of the family on coming to England, and is still used in America. The name was originally spelled Pies or Pees, which was changed to the Anglo-Saxon Pease. They probably came to England about the year 1400, and the family was known there for three centuries before migrating to this country.

Robert Pease, the progenitor of the family in America, sailed in the ship *Francis* from the port of Ipswich, England, in the latter part of April 1634, and landed at Boston. He

was accompanied by his brother John, and his own eldest son, Robert, then about three years of age. His wife, Marie, and other members of the family came later. In January 1637 he had land granted him at Salem.

*Robert Pease (Capt.), his second son, was born in England about 1630; died in Enfield, Mass. (now Conn.), 8 July 1689; married (1) in Salem, about 1653, Mary, daughter of Robert Goodell. She was born in Salem about 1630, and died there 5 January 1669.

He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1661, and its sergeant in 1665. He was active in military affairs, and was made captain of Militia in 1668.

As appears below, his great-granddaughter, Hannah Pease, married in 1737 Shubael, the grandson of Thomas Geer; the two families seem to have been closely associated in Salem, and to have gone to Enfield about the same time. He joined the First Church at Salem, 4 July 1667, and on 6 October 1681 he and his second wife had a letter of recommendation granted to the church at Springfield. Not far from this last date, he and his family, and numerous neighbors, including Thomas Geer and his family, removed to Fresh Water Brook, then a part of Springfield. The records show that he was back at Salem in November 1682, when he sold his property there. In the deed he is described as "late of Salem, now of Enfield." Soon after this, Enfield was set off from Springfield, and later became a part of Connecticut.

*Robert Pease, his second son, born in Salem 14 May 1656; died in Enfield, Conn., 21 July 1744; married 16 December 1678 Abigail Randall. He served in King Philip's War, from Salem.

Ebenezer Pease, his son, born in Enfield, Conn., 7 March 1699; died there 21 October 1743; married 20 November 1717 Mindwell Sexton.

Hannah Pease, his daughter, married 20 November 1737 Shubael Geer (11).

POTTER

John Potter, the first settler, born in England, about 1607; died about 1643; married Elizabeth ——. He came to America, probably with his brother William, in the *Abigail*, from London, in 1635, and settled in East Haven, then a part of the town of New Haven, Conn. In 1651 he obtained 20

acres of the Fresh Meadow lands. On 19 August 1680, Sergeant John Potter bought of Thomas Clark a farm of about 360 acres. His estate was rated at £25.

JOHN POTTER, son, born about 1635; baptized in New Haven, Conn., 17 October 1641; died 24 December 1706; married in 1661 Hannah Cooper. In 1662 he bought a homestead in East Haven. In this deed he is called blacksmith. His will was proved in New Haven the first Monday in January, 1707 — inventory £416.45.

SAMUEL POTTER, son, born 2 January 1675; died 26 November 1737 (?); married 10 January 1711 Abigail Hill.

DAVID POTTER, son, born 26 November 1717; died in Hamden after 1773; married 17 November 1748 Sarah Gilbert. His will was made 9 March 1773.

ABEL POTTER, son, born in Hamden 15 June 1749; died 29 August 1818; married Mary Turner.

SAMUEL POTTER, son, born in Hamden 24 October 1794; died 19 February 1880; married 21 February 1819 SOPHIA RICE, born in 1792; died in 1865; daughter of Dorothy Houghton and Samuel Rice. He removed in 1819 to Charlemont, Mass., carrying his effects by two ox teams. He settled upon a hillside farm, mostly covered with primæval forest, looking down upon the Deerfield Valley. The homestead is now owned by his great nephew, Mark W. Potter, of New York City.

ORLANDO BRONSON POTTER, son, born in Charlemont, Mass., 10 March 1823; died in New York City 2 January 1894; married 28 October 1850 Martha Green Wiley, born in 1822; died in 1879; daughter of BENJAMIN BROWN WILEY. He entered Williams College in the class of 1845, but was obliged by ill-health to leave in the Sophomore year. After a trip at sea, he obtained employment at Denis, Cape Cod. In 1845 he entered Dane Law School, Harvard College, and was admitted to the bar in Boston 12 February 1845. He opened an office in Court Square, and also an evening office in South Reading, ten miles from Boston. He continued his practice until May 1853, when he removed to New York to take charge of the business of the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Co. He became president of this company, and retained that position until the company retired from active business, in 1876. Soon after his arrival in New York, he became interested in real estate, and erected a number of buildings. On 14 August

1861, he laid before the Secretary of the Treasury, Judge Chase, the first comprehensive plan for a national currency. This plan, without material modification, was adopted in the National Banking Act of 25 February 1863. In November 1882, he was elected to Congress from New York City, as a Democrat. He was a member of the Committee on Banking and Currency and took part in most of the important discussions before the House. He declined a renomination in 1884. In 1886 he completed the erection of the large office building at Park Row and Beekman Street, New York City, which bears his name.

MARY POTTER, daughter, born in New York City 24 December 1857; married 26 September 1883 WALTER GEER (80).

RICE

*EDMUND RICE, born about 1594, the American ancestor of this family, came from Barkhamstead, in the county of Hertfordshire, England, and settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1638–9. This place, called "the plantation lying near unto Concord," was incorporated in 1639, by the name of Sudbury. His residence was on the east side of Sudbury River, in the southerly part of what is now Wayland. He was selectman in 1644, deacon of the church in 1648. In 1656, he was one of the thirteen petitioners belonging to Sudbury who besought the General Court for a new plantation. Their petition was granted, and the new plantation was incorporated in 1660 under the name of Marlborough, and he removed to that place. His wife, "Tamazine," died at Sudbury 13 June 1654. He married (2) "Mercie," widow of Thomas Brigham, of Cambridge, on 1 March 1655. He was deputy to the General Court in 1640 and later. He died at Marlborough 3 May 1663 and was buried at Sudbury. The inventory of his estate amounted to £743.

*EDWARD RICE, second son of Edmund, born about 1619; died 15 August 1712; married Anna ——. He resided first at Sudbury, and later at Marlborough, where he was deacon of the Church. His widow Anna died at Marlborough, 4 June 1713, aged 83.

JOHN RICE, eldest son of Edward, born about 1647; died 6 September 1719, aged 72; married Tabitha Stone, of Sudbury, 27 November 1674. He resided at Sudbury (now Wayland) on part of the homestead of his grandfather, Edmund.

Moses Rice, third son of John, born 27 October 1694; died 11 June 1755; married Sarah King, at Sudbury, 16 November 1719. He removed to Worcester about 1722. He was posted at Rutland, Worcester County, on garrison duty, with others from Worcester, in 1724, under the command of Captain Samuel Wright of Rutland. He commanded a company of cavalry while he resided at Worcester. He removed to Rutland, where he appeared of record in 1742. He purchased 2200 acres of land in the township of Charlemont, 23 April 1743, and later removed to that place. Being a frontier settlement, it was exposed during the French and Indian Wars, and suffered by the ravages of the enemy. On 11 June 1755, while Captain Rice was ploughing in a field, he was shot by Indians lying in ambush, and severely wounded. He was then taken some distance into the adjoining woods where he was tomahawked and scalped. Such was his tragical end. His widow, Sarah, died about 1788.

Samuel Rice, eldest son of Moses, born at Sudbury 10 August 1720; died at Charlemont 20 September 1793; married Dorothy Martin, of Rutland, at Worcester, 20 July 1741. She died at Charlemont 9 February 1790.

†Samuel Rice, fourth son of Samuel, born ——; died at Charlemont 16 December 1832; married Dorothy Houghton. He was corporal in Captain Isaac Farwell's Company, 1st Regiment New Hampshire Line, Colonel Joseph Cilley, 1780. (The same regiment in which Walter Geer served.)

Sophia Rice, seventh child of Samuel, born 3 March 1792; died ——; married 21 February 1819 Samuel Potter.

SCOTT

Henry Scott, of Rattlesden, Suffolk, England, died 24 December 1624; married Martha ——. She was born in 1575.

Ursula Scott, daughter, died before 23 October 1661; married about 1614, in Rattlesden, Suffolk, England, Richard Kemball.

Thomas Scott, son of Henry, came in the *Elizabeth of Ipswich* with his mother, wife and children, and with the Kimball and Goodell families. He lived in Cambridge and Ipswich, Mass.

Elizabeth Scott, daughter, born in 1626; married John Spofford.

SEXTON

GEORGE SEXTON, born ——; died in 1688–1690; married Catherine ——. He lived in Windsor and Westfield. He was at the former place 10 June 1663.

JOSEPH SEXTON, (Capt.), son, born in Windsor in 1666. He moved to Enfield, and died there 3 May 1742. He married 20 November 1690 HANNAH WRIGHT.

MINDWELL SEXTON, daughter, born in 1696; married 20 November 1717 EBENEZER PEASE.

SHED

*DANIEL SHED, (Corporal), died 27 July 1708; married May ——. He was a member of the Rev. Samuel Whiting's garrison in Billerica, with his son John Shed and others, 8 October 1675.

*JOHN SHED, son, born 2 March 1655, in Billerica; died 31 January 1737; married SARAH CAMBERLAIN 9 January 1677. He is on Major Simon Willard's payroll for 12 October 1675.

DOROTHY SHED, daughter, born 14 January 1692; married SAMUEL DANFORTH.

SPICER

*PETER SPICER, born ——, probably of English parentage; died in New London, Conn., in 1694; married in Warwick, R. I., Mary Busecot, 15 December 1670. He came probably from Virginia about 1666 and settled on land adjoining that of GEORGE GEER. He was a volunteer in King Philip's War, and was allotted land at Voluntown for his services. He had eleven children.

EDWARD SPICER, his son, born about 1674; died before 1731; married his cousin Katherine, daughter of Hugh and Abigail (Busecot) Stone. He was a large land-owner and prominent in town affairs. He had seven children.

JOHN SPICER, his son, born 1 January 1698; died 28 August 1753; married 22 October 1720 MARY GEER (33), daughter of Robert and Martha (Tyler) Geer. He had six children.

ABIGAIL SPICER, his daughter, born 16 December 1729; died ——; married 31 May 1750 DANIEL GEER (12).

SPOFFORD

JOHN SPOFFORD, of Rowley and Georgetown, Mass., died in 1678; married ELIZABETH SCOTT.

*JOHN SPOFFORD, son, born 24 December, or October, 1648; died 22 April 1696, in Bradford, Mass.; married Sarah Wheeler 9 March 1675. He served in Capt. Prentice's troop, Narragansett Campaign, King Philip's War, 1675–6.

*JOHN SPOFFORD, (Capt.), son, born 12 June 1678; died 4 October 1736; married 15 February 1700 DORCAS HOPKINSON. He served in the Provincial Forces in 1721.

JOHN SPOFFORD, (Capt.), son, born 19 March 1704, in Rowley, Mass.; married (intention) in Boxford, Mass., 27 October 1728, HANNAH TYLER.

PEGGY SPOFFORD, daughter, born in Rowley 30 June 1735; died ——; married 6 November 1751 BENJAMIN ALLEN.

STACKHOUSE

This family was of Austrian origin. As indicated by the coat of arms, granted in 1518 by Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor (1493–1519), the name means a shed or house for stacking grain. These arms are described as follows:

Arms: — *Argent*, three saltires couped *gules*, chevronwise, between a stack-house in chief proper, and in base a garb *vert*.

Crest: — On a wreath, a saltire raguly, *erminois*, charged in centre with a pellet.

Motto: — STACKHOUSE.

The above arms are engraved on an antique silver pin, now in the possession of Miss Sara Marie Stackhouse, of California. It is said that the arms are in an old stained-glass window in a church in Yorkshire, England; also that the last edition of a *Bible History*, published in 1752, the year of the author's death, by the Rev. Thomas Stackhouse, contains his portrait and the coat of arms. William Stackhouse, of Treham, Cornwall, obtained them from the Herald's Office, London, in 1815.

The American ancestor of the family is supposed to have come from Genoa, Italy, about 1750, and to have been partly of Grecian extraction. The earliest record we have of him is as a settler on Grand Isle, Lake Champlain (Vermont).

JOSEPH STACKHOUSE, his son, was the first white child born on Grand Isle. He married Anna Noble.

SAMUEL NOBLE STACKHOUSE, his son, born near Burlington, Vt., 6 September 1786; died in Canton, N. Y., 3 July 1873, aged nearly 87 years. He was a major in the New York State Militia, and a member of the Assembly. On 19 December 1809 he married KEZIAH GEER (249).

TYLER

JOHN TYLER, of Andover, Mass., born about 1621; married Mary ——.

*MOSES TYLER, son, born in 1642; quartermaster, of Rowley and Andover, living in 1712. Savage says he died 2 October 1727; married Prudence Blake of Boxford, 6 July 1666, in Andover. He was quartermaster of Essex County Militia in 1689.

JOHN TYLER, (Capt.), son, born 14 September 1669; died 17 June 1756; married ANNA MESSINGER. (While he is called captain, he does not seem to have served in any war.)

HANNAH TYLER, daughter, born 13 June 1714; married 27 October 1728 JOHN SPOFFORD.

VAN BUREN

CORNELIS VAN BUREN, the forebear, came from Holland in 1631 on the ship *Endracht*. He came from the Province of Gelderland, from the small place called Burmalsen, near the town of Buren, a few miles from the Rhine. Three years later he returned to Holland, married there, and came back to this country in 1636. He settled in the Colony of Rensselaerwyck. It is recorded that he purchased a piece of property in Manhattan, located between the present Christopher and 14th Streets, doubtless having a North River frontage. He and his wife Catalyntje both died and were buried the same day at their farm at Papsknee, some time in 1648.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, son, born in 1638 or 9; died 13 November 1703; married Marytjie (Mary) Quackenbosch about 1662. He owned a house, barn, etc., in Bethlehem, Albany Co., in 1662. In 1665 or 1675 (as authorities differ) he owned one-half of Constaples Island, a short distance below Albany, in the Hudson River. He and his wife were members of the

Dutch Reformed Church in Albany prior to 1683. In 1697 the census credits his family as "two men, no women, one child." On 7 May 1693, he married (2) Tanneken (Ann) Adams, widow of Pieter P. Winne. In 1700 he was captain in Colonel Pieter Schuyler's regiment at Albany. He made his will in Dutch, 10 April 1703, and it was proved 7 June 1710.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, son, born in 1678; died 21 October 1740; married in 1700 Judikjie (Meindersen) Barentse; married (2) 14 July 1719 Maria Van den Berg. He was a freeholder in 1720 at Rensselaerwyck. He and his wife were members of the Albany Dutch Church, and their children were all baptized there.

JOHANNES VAN BUREN, son, by the second marriage, baptized 21 November 1725; died ——; married 26 April 1760 Marytje Briesch.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, son, born 16 December 1762; married Elizabeth Newell at Schaghticoke. They had issue: John, born 12 June 1785; Elizabeth and HENRIETTA. Martin was a second cousin of Abraham, the father of Martin Van Buren, the eighth President of the United States.

HENRIETTA VAN BUREN, daughter, born in Easton, Washington County, N. Y., 20 September 1792; married 2 November 1815 WALTER GEER (37).

WILEY

JOHN WILEY was one of the earliest settlers in the town of Reading, Mass. The date of his birth and of his arrival from England are unknown. He lived in "Little World," now called Woodville. He died about 1672. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1662.

TIMOTHY WILEY, his son, born 1653; died 1728; married (1) in 1678 Elizabeth, daughter of George Davis. She died 1695. He married (2), in 1697, Susanna ——.

THOMAS WILEY, youngest son of Timothy, born in 1697; married in 1728 Tabertha, daughter of John Goodwin.

EBENEZER WILEY, youngest son of Thomas, born in 1729; died in 1771.

JAMES WILEY, eldest son of Ebenezer, born 24 January 1755; married in 1779 Mary, daughter of Elias Bryant, born 25 August 1754.

Benjamin Brown Wiley, third son of James, born 8 April 1786; died in 1877; married 5 January 1809 Keturah, daughter of Jeremiah Green. She was born 12 May 1793; died 24 May 1846.

Martha Green Wiley, daughter, born 4 March 1822; died 12 February 1879; married 28 October 1850 Orlando B. Potter.

WRIGHT

*Abel Wright, (Lieut.), of Springfield, Mass., born in 1631; died 29 October 1725, in his 94th year; married Martha Kritchwell, 1 December 1659. She died 19 October 1708. He served in the Indian Wars, and was deputy to the General Court, Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1695.

Hannah Wright, daughter, born in Springfield, 28 July 1669; died in Enfield in 1742; married Capt. Joseph Sexton.

UNPLACED GEERS

Asher Rossiter Geer, b. 19 May 1784; d. 26 Nov. 1850; m. (1) 25 Aug. 1805 Betsey Lindsley; (2) 13 Sept. 1816 her sister Hannah; (3) 19 Mar. 1840 Alice (Banister) Raymond.

(1) *Emily*, b. 21 May 1806; m. Francis Gilbert.
(2) *Julia*, b. 9 Apr. 1809; m. Seneca Hunt; 6 ch.
(3) *Harriet*, b. 22 Mar. 1811; m. Niles Helms.
(4) *Lorenzo*, b. 11 Sept. 1813; d. y.
(5) *Lucy*, b. 19 Nov. 1817; d. 20 Nov. 1841; m. Joseph Willard.
(6) *Simeon Asher*, b. 4 Feb. 1820; d. 3 Mar. 1878; m. Sarah E. Smith. Ch.: *Emily*, b. 1851; *John Luther*, b. 1855; and *Hannah*, b. 1862.
(7) *Paulina*, b. 8 Feb. 1824; d. 29 Sept. 1848; also m. Joseph Willard.

(Asher Rossiter had 3 bros.: *Moses*, *James* and *Ezra*, and 3 sisters: *Eunice*, *Julia*, and *Martha*.)

Edmund Geer, b. in Hebron; d. in Wapping 1880; m. Mary Suyden. Lived in Wapping.

(1) *Labon*, m. Messinger.
(2) *Hattie Emily*, b. 22 Aug. 1849; m. 20 Sept. 1869 Newton Alphonso Hart. Lived in New Britain.
(3) *Charles*. Lived in Wapping.
(4) *George L.* Lived in New Britain.
(5) *Lena H*, m. Oscar H. Stoughton.

Edmund C. Geer, m. Elizabeth Grant.

(1) *Esther*, b. in Hebron; d. in California; m. (1) Stacy of Warehouse Point or Windsor Locks; div.; (2) A. H. Gates of California. Lived at Lincoln, Cal. Ch. by first husband: (a) Elizabeth Stacy, lived in California; (b) Howard Stacy, lives in Chicago.
(2) *Olive C.*, b. in Hebron; m. J. Alpheus Lyman. 3 dau.: (a) May Lyman, teacher of French in Malden High School, Mass.; (b) Hattie Lyman, teacher in Easthampton; (c) Fannie Lyman, m. Orrin Burt. Lived in Easthampton, Mass.

Flora Geer, b. in Kent, Conn., 29 June 1843; d. in New Milford, Conn., 2 Oct. 1865; m. in New Milford 17 Oct. 1860

Andrew Turrell, son of John J. and Ellen (Turrell) Stilson, b. in New Milford 2 Apr. 1833.

(1) *John Henry Stilson*, b. 18 Oct. 1862; m. 26 Aug. 1885 Frances E. Trimmer.

(2) *Flora Geer Stilson*, b. 2 Oct. 1865.

HARRISON GEER, b. 30 Mar. 1815; m. Eliza A. Johnson. Lived in Mich.

(1) *Sidney*, b. 7 Jan. 1843; m. E. F. Nelson.
(2) *Homer*, b. 22 Feb. 1844; d. 18 June 1864.
(3) *Lucy*, b. 22 Oct. 1847; m. Dr. W. F. Bullard.
(4) *Julia*, b. 17 June 1848.
(5) *John*, b. 11 Oct. 1850.
(6) *Lenora*, b. 13 Nov. 1852.
(7) *Mary*, b. 25 Oct. 1855.

JAMES Q. GEAR (son of *James* [Va.] and g. s. *Alias*), b. Madison Co., Ohio, 12 Sept. 1837; m. Elizabeth Hefley.

(1) *Charles*, b. 1860; (2) *Luther*, b. 1862; (3) *Wilbert*, b. 1866; (4) *Cora*, b. 1870; (5) *Guy*, b. 1873; (6) *Raphael*, b. 1879.

JOHN GEAR (son of *Benjamin Gear*, Dover, N. H.), b. 1759; d. 27 Feb. 1835; m. (1) Sally Manson; (2) Patience (Spencer) Huckins; 5 ch. by 1st and 8 by 2d wife:

(1) *James*, b. 22 Nov. 1790; d. 6 Apr. 1870; m. Abigail Huckins.
(2) *Deliverance*, b. 1792; d. 8 Oct. 1859; m. her cousin George Gear.
(3) *Betsey*, b. 1795; d. 7 Oct. 1863; m. Andrew Bodge.
(4) *Joseph*, b. 1796; d. 1872; m. his cousin Abigail Gear.
(5) *Samuel*, n. m.
(6) *Sally*, b. Mar. 1806; m. John Sherburne.
(7) *Benjamin*, b. June 1807; d. 26 Oct. 1860; m. Deborah Doe.
(8) *Isaac*, b. Oct. 1808; d. 1855; m. Mary Hill.
+ (9) *John*, b. 12 Jan. 1810; m. Martha Stockbridge.
(10) *Reuben*, b. 1811; d. 1863; m. Hannah Stockbridge.
(11) *William*, b. 1812; m. Mary Knight.
(12) *David*, b. 1814; d. 1833.
(13) *Nathaniel*, b. Nov. 1816; d. 1875; m. Lizzie Stutts. Nathaniel was the inventor of the noted "Gear Variety Planer," used in nearly all the wood-working shops in the U.S.

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JOHN GEAR had 5 ch.:

(1) *John Manley*, b. 27 Dec. 1834; m. Martha Emily Sinclair.
(2) *Isaac Francis*, b. 16 Sept. 1836; m. Luthera B. Clifford, and had 2 daus.: *Luttie Frances* (1862) and *Helen Jessie* (1871).
(3) *Alonzo Stockbridge*, b. 10 Feb. 1838; m. (1) Sophia E. Wiggin; (2) Lizzie C. Hazzard.
(4) *Jacob Buckley*, b. 15 Nov. 1842; m. Phena C. Remick.
(5) *Martha Jane*, b. 19 Aug. 1847; m. George H. Hill.

JOSEPH GEER, b. 1759; m. 31 Dec. 1778 Johannah ——; 10 ch.:

+ (1) *Lewis*, b. 25 Mar. 1782; d. 6 Nov. 1862; m.
(2) *Lydia*, b. 1 Aug. 1784.
(3) *Johannah*, b. 19 Feb. 1787.
(4) *Philoness*, b. 13 Mar. 1789; d. 31 May 1868.
(5) *Amasa*, b. 8 June 1791; d. 27 Dec. 1832.
(6) *Silas*, b. 31 May 1793; d. 10 Oct. 1878; m. Eunice Stockwell. 8 daus.
(7) *Joseph*, b. 11 Sept. 1798.
(8) *Ebenezer*, b. 4 Nov. 1800; d. 12 Feb. 1831.
+ (9) *Truman*, b. 12 Nov. 1802; d. 6 Nov. 1870.
(10) *Pamelia*, b. 10 Nov. 1805.

(1)

LEWIS GEER, m. and had 4 daus. and 1 son: *Marshall*, b. 19 Feb. 1815; m. Almira Ives; 6 ch.: *Lewis* (1839), *James* (1841), *Catherine* (1843), *Joseph* (1846), *Sally* (1857), *Williston* (1860).

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TRUMAN GEER, m. Lois Bennett Rushford, and had 3 ch.: *Ebenezer* (1831), *Oliver Cromwell* (1832), and *Angeline Eunice* (1834).

LEMUEL GEER, date of birth and death unknown. He was a private in Captain Elijah Dewey's Company at the battle of Bennington, 16 Aug. 1777. (See No. 107.)

MILES MASONS GEER (son of *Miles Mills*, g. s. *Jesse*), b. Patton, Quebec, 24 Oct. 1845; m. Diadama Lilian White. (1) *Claire Elmer*, b. 1870; (2) *Nettie Rosamond*, b. 1874; (3) *Nina Elizabeth*, b. 1876.

Moses Gear, b. in Norwich, Conn., 5 Feb. 1778; m. Sally Thomas, b. in Catskill, N. Y., 4 Nov. 1778.

(1) *Phoebe Ann*, b. 8 June 1820.
(2) *Sarah Thomas*, b. 28 Feb. 1822; m. Orville Root.
(3) *Lucy Witter*, b. 23 Feb. 1824; d. 26 Mar. 1899; m. 9 Oct. 1842 William Kelsey Rice. Child: Lucy A. Rice, b. ——; m. —— Clark. Resided (1920) 112 N. Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
(4) *Mary Ann*, b. 22 Jan. 1827; d. y.

Samuel Geer, b. Conn. 5 Jan. 1765; m. Jemima Barnes. Lived Paris, N. Y.

(1) *Samuel*, b. 23 June 1795; m. Achsah White.
(2) *Esther*, b. 14 Dec. 1796; m. Allen Colt.
(3) *Cyrus*, b. 15 Aug. 1798.
(4) *Hannah*, b. 20 Mar. 1800.
(5) *Marinda*, b. 4 Dec. 1801; m. J. W. Nevins.
(6) *Alanson*, b. 7 June 1803.
(7) *Lucy*, b. 15 Nov. 1804.
(8) *Henry*, b. 16 Aug. 1806.
(9) *Amos*, b. 4 Aug. 1808.
(10) *Franklin* (twin), b. 19 Apr. 1812.
(11) *Francis* (twin), b. 19 Apr. 1812.
(12) *Sarah*, b. 6 Feb. 1815.

Samuel Gear (son of *Benjamin*, Dover, N. H., b. 1735; d. 1815), b. Dover, N. H., 20 May 1767; d. Barrington 6 May 1841; m. Abigail Sherburne.

+ (1) *George*, b. 16 May 1792; d. 5 June 1868; m. Deliverance Gear.
+ (2) *Gideon*, b. 8 Feb. 1797; d. 5 Jan. 1875; m. Peany Hanson.
(3) *Abigail*, b. 16 June 1801; m. Joseph Gear.
(4) *Sally*, b. 9 Mar. 1805; m. Jonas Hanson.
(5) *Olive*, b. 31 Jan. 1809; m. Abram Snell.

(1)

George Gear had 4 ch.: (1) *Samuel*, (2) *Louisa*, (3) *Daniel*, (4) *Sarah*. Daniel, b. 4 Feb. 1823; m. (1) Catherine Gear, and had 2 ch.: *Charles* (1850) and *Mary* (1855); m. (2) Rosina Brock.

(2)

Gideon Gear had 5 ch.: (1) *Alexander* (1823); (2) *Jacob Sherburne* (1825), who m. Hannah F. Estes and had 1 son: *Jacob Frank* (1854); (3) *Eliza Jane* (1830); (4) *Albert S. H.*

(1833); (5) *Adaline Augusta* (1836). He lived in Barrington, and later in Gonic, N. H.

Samuel Geer, b. about 1755; m. 18 Dec. 1777 Hannah Phelps, dau. of Barrett and Hannah (Bigelow) Phelps. She was b. in Hebron 4 July 1753. They lived in Hebron. Ch. both b. in Hebron: (1) *Hannah*, b. 17 Mar. 1779; (2) *Ephraim*, b. 7 May 1780.

Samuel W. Gear, b. in Meriden, Conn., in 1838; d. in Whitestone, L. I., 17 Sept. 1922; m. ——. During the Civil War he served with the 1st Conn. Inf. and was at the first battle of Bull Run. He was at one time constable of the town of Flushing, and had been employed in the Department of Health for ten years preceding his retirement on pension five years before his death. He was survived by his widow.

Walter Geer, b. in Bloomington, Ill., 18 Dec. 1892; unm. Mgr. Theatre Guild, New York City. Son of Oliver Geer, b. in Farmer City, Ill., and div. about 1896. He has a sister *Helen*, m. Dr. J. F. Meyer of Erie, Ill., and a brother *Richard Burnett*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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JOSEPH GEER, b. (probably) in Preston, Conn., 24 Sept. 1747; d. in Canada ——; m. in 1770 —— Woods. He served in the Revolutionary War. Moved to Sheffield, Vt., in 1822.

(1) *Clarissa*, b. 1773; m.
+ (2) *Silas*, b. 10 Mar. 1775; d. Dec. 1852; m. Sarah Swan.
(3) *Wealthy*, b. 1778; m.
(4) *Daniel*, b. 1780; d. 1816.
(5) *Joseph*, b. 1782.
(6) *William*, b. 1785; d. 1824; m.
(7) *David*, b. 1787; d. 1835; n. m.
(8) *Polly*, b. 1790; m. twice; 2 ch. by each marriage.

SILAS GEER, b. in Vt. 10 Mar. 1775; d. in Canada Dec. 1852; m. June 1796 Sarah Swan, b. 1774; d. 1853. He moved to Dunham, Quebec, Canada, in 1798.

+ (1) *Augustus*, b. 1797; d. 1872; m. Elizabeth Sears.
(2) *Silas*, b. 26 Sept. 1799; d. 1880; m. 1819 Susannah Stewart; 6 ch.
(3) *Sarah*, b. 1 Mar. 1804; d. 1877; m. 1820 Samuel Rollins; 8 ch.
(4) *Polly*, b. 17 June 1806; m. L. Leach.
(5) *Samuel*, b. Feb. 1811; m. Margaret Allen; 11 ch.
(6) *Charity*, b. 31 May 1815; m. 1837 Samuel Bradley; no ch.

AUGUSTUS GEER, b. Swanton, Vt., 1797; d. in Ill. 1872; m. 1818 Elizabeth Sears, b. 1798; d. 1880.

(1) *Augustus*, b. 1819; m. twice; no ch.
(2) *Horatio Nelson*, b. 1821; d. 1879; n. m.
(3) *Lucretia*, b. 8 Mar. 1824; m. 24 Sept. 1842 Leonard Whitcomb; 6 ch.
(4) *Marshal Blucher*, b. 1827; m. Mary Gravlin; 1 dau.
(5) *Sybil*, b. 1830; m. 1851 Charles Lessard; 9 ch.
(6) *James*, b. 1831; n. m.
(7) *Johnson*, b. 1838; d. 1871; m. Lettie Hatch; 3 ch.

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LEMUEL GEER. In a letter from Columbus, Neb., under date 14 Apr. 1881, Willis S. Geer states that his great-grandfather, Lemuel Geer, was "killed in a well" in New York State at an unknown date; that he (Lemuel) married and had five children: +*Elisha*, b. in 1778; d. in 1875; *Leonard*, *Lemuel*, *Olive*, and *Patience*.

ELISHA GEER, m. and had twelve children, of whom the second son was +*Philander*.

PHILANDER GEER, b. in 1811; d. 22 May 1851; m. 22 Oct. 1834 Amy Shaw:

(1) *Willis S.*, b. 21 Apr. 1836; m. Emma Wright. 3 dau.
(2) *Daniel Lovejoy*, b. 23 June 1837; d. 23 Aug. 1859; n. m.
(3) *Emery A.*, b. 27 Apr. 1842; d. 30 Apr. 1860.
(4) *Alberteen*, b. 23 July 1844; m. Orlando Hammond.
(5) *Wilber Charles*, b. 1 June 1846; d. 22 Feb. 1865, a prisoner during the Civil War.

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WELCOME GEER had another son, *David*, b. 3 Oct. 1820; d. 27 June 1880; m. (1) Harriet O. Potter; (2) H. A. Jenks.

(1) *Welcome*, b. 2 Mar. 1846; d. 8 Feb. 1869; m. ——.
(2) *Effie*, b. 4 Apr. 1858; m. Julius C. Bisbee.

EVELINE R. GEER (dau. [1] Welcome) m. James H. Paine. A dau. Georgie Paine, m. 5 Oct. 1879 John T. Underhill, and their dau. Marion Duell, b. 26 Dec. 1885, m. 18 Sept. 1914 Newton E. Cramer. A son John Paine, m. 15 Dec. 1886 Florence Barton, and their dau. Mary Eveline, b. 31 July 1890; m. 15 Oct. 1913 Charles C. Pomeroy; 2 daus., Sylvia Josephine, b. 3 Jan. 1919, and Florence Edna, b. 7 Nov. 1921.

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DANIEL GEER, b. 6 May 1776; d. ——; m. 6 July 1797 Sarah Geer. He lived near Lake George, N. Y., and later in Erie County, Pa.

(1) *Daniel*, (2) *Nelson*, (3) *Mary*, (4) *Abbie*, (5) *Alathea*, (6) *Anna*, (7) *Susan*, (8) *Lucinda*.

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CYRUS GEER, b. about 1778; m. 1 Jan. 1800 Polly Lathrop.
(1) *Roby*, (2) *Rebecca*, (3) *Lucy*, (4) *Emma*, (5) *Albert*, (6) *Dwight*, (7) *Cyrus*.

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ERASTUS GEER (son JOSHUA 263), b. 15 Apr. 1820; m. Ann Eliza Chapman.

(1) *Elizabeth*, b. 30 Jan. 1841.
(2) *Mary Ann*, b. 5 Sept. 1844; m. Marcus Jeoffords.
(3) *Noah W.*, b. 2 Aug. 1846; m. Eunice Barton.

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JOSIAH GEER, b. 1770; d. 1836; m. 1791 Huldah Green. Lived Genesee Co., N. Y.

(1) *Polly*, b. 1794; d. 1826; m. Charles Davison.
(2) *Green*, b. 1796; d. 1850.
(3) *Shalor*, b. 1800; d. ——.
(4) *Delia*, b. 1802; d. 1834; m. Henry Brooks.
(5) *Harry*, b. 1808; d. 1860.
(6) *Laura*, b. 1812; d. ——; m. John Davison.
(7) *Darwin*, b. 1816; d. ——.
(8) *Caroline*, b. 1819; d. ——.

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NATHAN GERE, b. (probably) in New London, Conn., 1 March 1774; d. in Hartford, Windsor County, Vt., 2 Sept. 1824; m. 1 Jan. 1803 Nancy Denison, b. (probably) in Preston, Conn., 1 Dec. 1780; d. in Hartford, Vt., 14 Oct. 1844.

He was a carpenter and builder; colonel in the State Militia; representative in the State Legislature.

(1) *Lucy* b. 9 June 1804; d. 9 March 1858; n. m.
(2) *George* b. 11 Sept. 1807; d. ——; m. 8 Oct. 1849 Eluthria Fay.
(3) *Charles Denison* b. 19 Sept. 1810; d. 5 July 1835 (drowned in Lake Champlain).
(4) *Mary* b. 6 Dec. 1813; d. 9 Nov. 1850; n. m.
(5) *Nancy Amanda* b. 15 Oct. 1816; d. 9 Nov. 1848; m. in 1840 W. T. Gleason.
(6) *Isaac* b. ——; d. y.
(7) *James Monroe* b. ——; d. y.

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DAVID GEER (probably) had two other sons: + *Willis* and *Solomon*.

WILLIS GEER, b. in South Carolina 27 Apr. 1810; d. in Goshen Valley, Ala., 30 Sept. 1854; m. Cynthia ——.

He was a Baptist minister. Removed from South Carolina to Tennessee, and later to Alabama.

(1) *William Sanford*, b. 10 July 1830.
(2) *Joseph Elam*, b. 4 July 1831.
(3) *Joab Newton*, b. 6 July 1833.
(4) *Louisa Jane*, b. 18 Mar. 1836.
+ (5) *Jasper Alvin*, b. 5 Aug. 1838; d. 2 July 1863; m. Martha Ward.
(6) *James Jefferson*, b. 13 Nov. 1840.
(7) *Francis Marion*, b. 13 Jan. 1843.
(8) *Hannah Saryann*, b. ——.
(9) *Susan*, b. 13 Dec. 1845.
(10) *Thomas Monroe*, b. 23 June 1849.
(11) *Elvira Nancy*, b. 3 Mar. 1852.

NOTE: *Willis* had a brother, *Solomon Geer*, who m. Julia ——, and had two ch. (*Geer*), *Thomas Jefferson*, b. 11 Nov. 1847, and *Sarah Eliza*, b. 23 Feb. 1849.

JASPER ALVIN GEER, b. in South Carolina 5 Aug. 1838; d. 2 July 1863 (killed at the battle of Gettysburg); m. in Spring Valley, about 1855, Martha Ward, b. in North Carolina about 1833.

+ (1) *John Willis*, b. 13 Oct. 1859; m. Nola Kight.

JOHN WILLIS GEER, b. in Goshen Valley, Ala., 13 Oct. 1859; m. there 11 Jan. 1883 Nola Kight, b. in Clay Co., Ga., 14 June 1866.

He is a cotton merchant. Lives in Van Alstyne, Texas.

+ (1) *Edward Webb*, b. 5 Apr. 1884; m. Nell Tayman.
+ (2) *John Hoyt*, b. 29 Mar. 1886; m. Lylian Taylor.
(3) *Thurman James*, b. 26 May 1888; m. 26 Nov. 1906 Lillian Slaughter. Two daus. (*Geer*): *Elizabeth Ann*, b. 24 June 1907, and *Nancy Jane*, b. 4 May 1921.
(4) *Grady Hester*, b. 1 Jan. 1890; m. 31 July 1921 Bess Atteberry. No ch.
(5) *Ona Mae*, b. 24 Jan. 1892; m. 26 Feb. 1919 Fred G. Caskey. No ch.

(6) *Kleo Eugenia*, b. 6 Aug. 1894; m. 30 Nov. 1916 Dan P. Johnston. No ch.
(7) *William Venable*, b. 13 Jan. 1896.
(8) *John Willis*, b. 30 Nov. 1897; m. 8 June 1920 Marguerite Mayhew. One ch.: *Betty Joe*, b. 16 July 1921.
(9) *Mayme*, b. 24 Nov. 1901; m. 14 June 1921 James Wallace Sheid. One son: *James Wallace*, b. 2 June 1923.
(10) *Dorothy Lois*, b. 8 Aug. 1903.
(11) *Nola Blance*, b. 19 Aug. 1907.

EDWARD WEBB GEER, b. in Liberty, Ala., 5 Apr. 1884; m. in Sherman, Texas, 15 July 1909 Nell Tayman, b. there 7 Apr. 1889.

He received a High School education. Cotton merchant and exporter; member firm of Geer & Geer. Mason. Member Lakewood Country Club, Dallas. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

(1) *Edward Webb*, b. 12 Nov. 1914.
(2) *Tayman*, b. 1 Aug. 1916.

JOHN HOYT GEER, b. in Liberty, Ala., 29 Mar. 1886; m. in Van Alstyne, Texas, 4 Nov. 1908, Lylian Taylor, b. there 25 Jan. 1888.

He received a High School education. Cotton merchant and exporter; member firm of Geer & Geer. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

(1) *Mary Ann*, b. 2 Sept. 1915.
(2) *John Hoyt*, b. 21 Sept. 1922.

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EDWARD AUGUSTUS GEER (son of WILLIAM 412), b. 14 Aug. 1806; d. ——; m. Ellenor W. Gamble 24 May 1831.

(1) *Sarah Evelina*, b. 7 Apr. 1832; m. Geo. W. Grant.
(2) *Courtlandt Hay*, b. 17 Jan. 1836; n. m.
(3) *Wm. Elderkin*, b. 7 Sept. 1838; m. Henrietta Carter.
(4) *Mary Ellen*, b. 11 Jan. 1841; d. 25 Apr. 1879; m. 15 Sept. 1864 Linus E. Pierson.
(5) *Frances Jones*, b. 28 July 1846; m. James Hemmingway.

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EDMOND GEAR, b. Middletown, Conn., 28 June 1794; d. there 25 Apr. 1836; m. Betsey ——. He was for many years deacon in the Congregational Church; captain of the militia.

+ (1) *Hannah Minerva*, b. 1819; d. ——; m. D. W. Ticknor.
+ (2) *Harriet Jerusha*, m. G. W. Sparks.
+ (3) *Frances Elizabeth*, b. 1828; d. 1882; m. (1) Edwin Pease; (2) S. F. Burnham.
+ (4) *Charles Gilbert*, b. 1830; d. 1875; m. Harriet Gorton.
(5) *Edmund Sylvester.*
(6) *Oliver Cromwell.*
(7) *Esther M.*
(8) *Mary Emily.*

NOTE: He was undoubtedly the Edmond C. Gear referred to under No. 177 on page 62. The children changed the spelling back to Geer.

HANNAH MINERVA GEER, b. in Gilead 28 Mar. 1819; d ——; m. 25 Dec. 1840 David William Ticknor of Gilead. Lived in Manchester.

(1) *Ann Elizabeth Ticknor*, b. 10 Nov. 1842; m. Charles Norton. Lived in Manchester.
(2) *Harriet Allen Ticknor*, b. 5 Oct. 1845; m. Charles Morgan Johnson. Lived in Wapping.
(3) *Frederick White Ticknor.* Lived in New London.

HARRIET J. GEER, m. George W. Sparks.

(1) *Alice Louise Sparks*, b. in Vernon 21 Nov. 1854; m. 24 Apr. 1873 Morris Hathaway Talcott. Lived in Talcottville.
(2) *Nellie Harriet Sparks*, b. in Vernon 18 Sept. 1858; m. Jang Landsing (b. in China). Lives in Brooklyn. He graduated Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Mechanical engineer.
(3) *Anna Elizabeth Sparks*, b. in Vernon 9 Sept. 1864; m. Colonel Victor.
(4) *George Edmond Sparks*, b. 26 Dec. 1866; m. 11 Oct. 1893 Jennie Melintha Pease. Lives in Hartford.

FRANCES ELIZABETH GEER, b. in Hebron 23 Aug. 1828; d. in Hartford 2 Nov. 1882; m. (1) Edwin Pease of Hartford, d ——; m. (2) 15 May 1867 Shaylor Fitch Burnham.

(1) *Fannie Pease*, m. (1) Ezra Hall, a lawyer; (2) Dr. William Porter.
(2) *Eddie Pease;* d. y.

CHARLES GILBERT GEER, b. in Gilead 28 Nov. 1830; d. in Hartford 19 June 1875; m. in Bloomfield 8 Feb. 1859 Harriet Gorton. He was a member of the firm of Geer & Pond, booksellers and stationers, Hartford.

(1) *Harriet Mary*, b. 27 Apr. 1860; d. 11 June 1879; m. 1 Feb. 1878 E. Coleman Webb of Hartford.
(2) *Charles Edward*, b. 20 Dec. 1863; m. in Texas. Lived in California.
(3) *Grace*, b. in Hartford 16 Feb. 1867; m. 23 May 1889 Charles Edwin Shepard. Lived in Hartford.
(4) *Fannie Elizabeth*, b. 9 Apr. 1869; d. 5 Feb. 1873.
(5) *Anna Burt*, b. in Hartford 22 Feb. 1871. Teacher in Hartford.

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Charles Gear, b. 1790; d. 1848; m. Hannah Hutton. Lived at Galena, Ill.

(1) *Wm. Titus*, b. 19 Oct. 1816; m. Eliza Day.
(2) *Sophronia*, b. 3 Nov. 1819; m. Wm. S. Bean.
(3) *Oscar Francis*, b. 2 Feb. 1822; m. Lydia A. Jackson.
(4) *John Hutton*, b. 7 Apr. 1824; m. Mary A. Safford.
(5) *Marranda*, b. 22 Feb. 1826; m. Wm. Evans.
(6) *Angelica* (twin), b. 22 Feb. 1828; m. Fred G. Thearl.
(7) *Virginia* (twin), b. 22 Feb. 1828; m. Arthur Carrington.
(8) *Charlotte Ann*, b. 13 Sept. 1832; m. Ethan Andrews.
(9) *Hannah C.*, b. 30 Aug. 1837; d. in 1857.

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Denison Geer, b. 29 Mar. 1816; m. 8 Sept. 1839 Juliet Burgess.

(1) *Edward D.*, b. 13 Apr. 1843; m. (1) Martha Ross; (2) Lucy Fuller; (3) Adda Demares.
(2) *Sarah*, b. 9 July 1845; m. Frank Dunlap.
(3) *Marion A.*, b. 23 June 1847; m. Robert B. Wilkins.
(4) *Costello B.*, b. 6 June 1852.
(5) *Ella F.*, b. 4 Apr. 1858; d. 5 Dec. 1862.
(6) *Irene*, b. 2 Sept. 1862.
(7) *Wm. L.*, b. 4 Sept. 1866.

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Samuel Gere, b. 22 Oct. 1770; d. 8 Sept. 1856; m. (1) 1 Jan. 1792 Lucy Tracy; (2) 21 Nov. 1811 Betsey Keigwan. Served in the War of 1812.

(1) *Lydia*, b. 3 Oct., 1792; m. Rowland Burdick.
(2) *Elias*, b. 10 July 1794; m. —— Clark.
(3) *Eunice*, b. 31 Mar. 1796; m. Gideon Belcher.
(4) *Annie*, b. 14 Sept. 1797; n. m.

(5) *Samuel*, b. 22 July 1799; m. Betsy Wilber.
(6) *Lucy*, b. 5 Oct. 1801; m. Molby Haxton.
(7) *Amy*, b. 10 May 1803; m. Adam Chapman.
(8) *Mary*, b. 15 June 1805; m. Marshall Frink.
(9) *Eliza*, b. 16 Aug. 1807; m. Jacob Parker Wilkinson.
(10) *Susannah*, b. 25 July 1809; m. Wm. Tilleston Thayer.

NOTE: This Samuel Gere, the son of Silsby Gere (188), is certainly confused with Samuel Geer, No. 296, on page 90, the son of Abel Geer (115). We have been unable to clear up this mystery. (See page 389.)

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STEPHEN GEER, b. 22 June 1785; d. 17 Dec. 1840; m. 21 Feb. 1808 Zeruiah Fuller, b. 30 July 1789; d. 1 Apr. 1839.

(1) *Alfred A.*
(2) *Almira.*
+ (3) *George Washington*, b. 12 Mar. 1819; m. Sarah F. Lewis.
(4) *Amos W.* (See No. 1044.)
(5) *Submit.*
+ (6) *Watson*, b. 5 Apr. 1825; m. Mary J. Pray.
+ (7) *William;* m. Elizabeth ——.
+ (8) *Stephen*, b. 30 July 1830; m. Sarah E. Wright.
(9) *Mary.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON GEER, b. 12 Mar. 1819; m. 28 Jan. 1847 Sarah Frances Lewis, b. 28 Feb. 1830.

(1) *Hattie Christina*, (2) *Fred Lewis.*

WATSON GEER, b. 5 Apr. 1825; m. 15 Dec. 1852 Mary Jane Pray.

(1) *Thomas P.*, b. 13 Sept. 1856; (2) *Milton Watson*, b. 31 Oct. 1859; (3) *Mary Almira*, b. 10 Jan. 1867.

WILLIAM GEER, m. Elizabeth ——.

(1) *William*, b. 14 Mar. 1828; m. Elizabeth Depew. Three sons: *Edgar*, *Adelbert* and *Benjamin.*

STEPHEN GEER, b. 30 July 1830; m. Sarah E. Wright.

(1) *Hattie Emma*, b. 4 Mar. 1858; m. Isaac Doty.
(2) *Minnie Estelle*, b. 1 June 1860.

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JOSEPH GEER, b. 1808; m. and had a son, *Joseph Abner*, whose dau., *Minnie Burrows*, m. 1892 *Erskine Hart Geer* (103), in the Thomas Geer line.

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RICHARD S. GEER, b. 27 Sept. 1807; m. 18 Aug. 1833 Irena Granger.

(1) *Wm. Albert* b. 23 June 1835; m. 7 Jan. 1861 Angeline Pratt; 5 ch.: *Nancy A., George A., Abel N., Lucy A., Aaron William.*
(2) *Naaman*, b. 11 May 1837.

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THOMAS POTTER GEER, b. 11 Apr. 1818; d. 26 Oct. 1866; m. 2 Sept. 1849 Charlotte Alvira Stewart.

+ (1) *John Aaron*, b. 23 Sept. 1850; m. Frances Graves.
(2) *Oraline Alvira*, b. 30 Apr. 1854; m. 23 Dec. 1875 Francis Duane Bradway.
(3) *Mahlon Adelbert*, b. 22 Mar. 1856; d. 22 Oct. 1879.
(4) *Charles Henry*, b. 2 Oct. 1865.

JOHN AARON GEER, b. 23 Sept. 1850; m. 26 Aug. 1872 Frances Graves.

(1) *Edwin*, b. 17 July 1874.
(2) *Walter*, b. 24 Dec. 1876.
(3) *Myrtle Evaline*, b. 23 May 1879.

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HENRY F. GEER, b. 2 Mar. 1837; m. 1 Sept. 1860 Hannah M. Maine.

(1) *Herbert F.*, b. 4 Nov. 1861; d. 2 Oct 1864.
(2) *Lena E.*, b. 13 July 1865.
(3) *John Howard*, b. 7 Nov. 1873.

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DAVID HOLLAND GEER, b. 9 Mar. 1815; d. 18 Dec. 1900; m. 16 June 1845 Emily Holbrook, b. 9 June 1825.

He was prest. Russell Bank, Russell, Kansas; and later a honey and flour merchant; lived in South Boston.

INEZ LOUISE GEER (his daughter), b. 4 July 1865; m. 30 June 1887 Joseph A. E. Stewart, b. Bristol, England, 19 Feb. 1864. He is a cotton broker. Address: 172 Watchung Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.

(1) *Joseph William Geer Stewart*, b. 5 Aug. 1889; d. in 1900.

(2) *Wallace Geer Stewart*, b. 2 June 1891; m. Dorothy Spencer. One son: Joseph M., b. 24 Jan. 1923. He is a cotton broker. Graduate Brown Univ. Lives in Providence.

(3) *Esther Lillian Stewart*, b. 2 April 1893; m. Geo. H. Rienecke. Two children. She graduated Smith College 1916. Address: 172 Watchung Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.

(4) *Aurora Stewart*, b. 28 Oct. 1895; m. John R. Bult, b. in Norway. He is the Norwegian consul at Newark, and in the cotton business. One daughter: Inez Stewart, b. 13 April 1920.

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George W. Geer, b. Fort Ann, N. Y., 11 Dec. 1831; m. 11 Jan. 1852 Jane B. Robson, b. 30 Sept. 1834.

(1) *Charles M.*, b. 21 June 1853.
(2) *Mary J.*, b. 21 July 1855.
(3) *George L.*, b. 6 June 1858.
(4) *Emma F.*, b. 18 Oct. 1860.
(5) *Herbert D.*, b. 21 Mar. 1863.
(6) *Nellie L.*, b. 6 Sept. 1865.
(7) *Will D.*, b. 5 June 1868.

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Daniel Geer, b. 10 Dec. 1811; d. after 1881; m. 12 Jan. 1832 Mary Ann Zimmerman, b. 28 Oct. 1812. Lived in North Washington, Pa.

(1) *Elisha*, b. 16 Oct. 1834; m. Clarinda Ann Caps. Served in army during the Civil War. Lived in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.
(2) *Julia Ann*, b. 28 Aug. 1836; m. George Horn; 2 ch.
(3) *Washington*, b. 18 Jan. 1842; m. Rebecca J. Fry; 7 ch.
(4) *Dwight*, b. 17 Aug. 1845; m. Resia A. Erb; 6 ch.
(5) *Alva Riley Chapman*, b. 17 Mar. 1849; m. Mona Jane Coy.
(6) *William Franklin*, b. 4 May 1851; m. Mary E. Vandorstin.
(7) *Penelope*, b. 26 Aug. 1853.

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MARVIN GEER; m. Emeline Drake.

(1) *Aden W.*, b. 21 Jan. 1833; m. Maud Dyer. 3 ch.
(2) *Lavinia*, b. 9 Jan. 1835; m. W. D. White. 4 ch.
(3) *Ellen*, b. 28 Feb. 1839; d. 21 May 1860; m. Warren Howard.
(4) *Jane*, b. 15 Nov. 1841; m. Warren Howard.
(5) *Levi*, b. 19 Dec. 1843.
(6) *Augusta*, b. 19 May 1846; d. 26 Feb. 1872; m. Charles Davenport. 1 son.
(7) *Celestia* (*Lettie*), b. 30 Mar. 1851; m. Andrew Fife. 3 ch.

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HARRY GEER, b. 7 May 1812; m. 1 Jan. 1841 Sarah Hammond.

+ (1) *Charles*, b. 25 Jan. 1842; m. Anna Fletcher.
(2) *Victor*, b. 24 July 1844.
(3) *Sophsona*, b. 11 Apr. 1846; d. 8 Aug. 1857.
+ (4) *John*, b. 21 Nov. 1849; m. Mary Sands.
(5) *Elizabeth*, b. 26 Mar. 1851; d. 22 Sept. 1863.

CHARLES GEER, b. 25 Jan. 1842; m. Anna Fletcher.

(1) *Cora Minnie*, b. 23 Oct. 1878.

JOHN GEER, b. 21 Nov. 1849; m. Mary Sands.

(1) *Horace Crary*, b. 5 June 1874.
(2) *Dewayne*, b. 26 Feb. 1878.

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RUFUS GEER, b. 14 Apr. 1820; d. 2 July 1864; m. in 1856 Ella A. Mills.

(1) *Henry I.*, b. 27 June 1858; d. 2 Aug. 1860.
(2) *Frank L.*, b. 4 June 1860.
(3) *Clara J.*, b. 18 Feb. 1862; m. 11 Sept. 1882 David H. Beye.
(4) *Myra E.*, b. 18 Oct. 1863; m. 8 June 1884 Frank J. Steemburg.

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ELDAD GEER, b. 27 Jan. 1837; m. Charlotte Greenman.

(1) *Dora W.*, b. in 1862.
(2) *Lauernie A.*, b. in 1864.
(3) *Viola J.*, b. in 1866.
(4) *Mary E.*, b. in 1868.
(5) *Rufus E.*, b. in 1870.

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LEVI GEER, m. Elizabeth Rhodes.

(1) *Sarah Alice*, b. 24 Feb. 1868.
(2) *Henry Rufus*, b. 13 Feb. 1871.
(3) *Mary*, b. 18 Apr. 1874.
(4) *Bennie*, b. 18 Dec. 1877.

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ELIAS GEER, b. 18 Mar. 1791; d. 31 Mar. 1868; m. in Sept. 1813 Lovina Paul.

(1) *Elijah*, b. 17 Nov. 1814; m. 25 Apr. 1841 Ruth Lowesee. No ch.
(2) *Cynthia*, b. 22 Aug. 1816; m. 1 Jan. 1841 Sylvester Goodno. 8 ch.
(3) *Eleanor Lucy*, b. 8 Apr. 1819; m. 14 Feb. 1846 Wm. H. Holden. 1 ch.
(4) *Alba K.*, b. 9 Feb. 1821; m. in 1854 Almira Burr. No ch.
(5) *Charles Warren*, b. 7 Mar. 1824; d. 16 Jan. 1853; m. in Jan. 1847 Elisa Ann Farington. 3 dau.
(6) *Annie Abigail*, b. 26 Nov. 1827; m. (1) 2 Feb. 1850 Owen Jason Goodno; (2) 24 May 1857 Azel Falkenburg.
(7) *Philander*, b. 15 June 1830; d. Oct. 1832.
(8) *Don Carlos*, b. 14 Oct. 1833; m. 1861 Hattie Brown. No ch.
(9) *Helen*, b. 16 Nov. 1836; d. 2 Oct. 1845.
(10) *Marion Adelaide*, b. 19 Dec. 1839; m. Jan. 1871 Charles Keath.

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SHELDON GEER, b. 13 Jan. 1801; d. Oct. 1850; m. Hannah Bellmay, b. 3 May 1805.

(1) *George Sheldon*, b. 8 Nov. 1828; m. 10 May 1847 Mary Ann Fish. 7 ch.
(2) *Anthony Jackson*, b. 16 Mar. 1830; m. 29 Sept. 1860 Margrettri McFadden.
(3) *Mary Elosha*, b. 25 Feb. 1832; m. Oct. 1857 Henry Hillman.
(4) *Elias Smith*, b. 2 Feb. 1834; m. Sept. 1860 Sarah Jane Kelsey.
(5) *Lewis Benjamin*, b. 19 Nov. 1835; d. 10 Nov. 1867; m. 10 Oct. 1866 Fanny Hodson.

(6) *Levi Samuel*, b. 14 Sept. 1837; m. Martha Ann Johnson.
(7) *Ann Eliza*, b. 12 June 1839; m. 29 Sept. 1860 Henry Broughton.
(8) *Martha Caroline*, b. 10 Oct. 1841; d. 3 Oct 1855.
(9) *Charles Warren*, b. 25 Feb. 1843; m. Nov. 1869 Effie O. Ward.
(10) *Minerva Jane*, b. 15 Feb. 1848; m. 29 Apr. 1866 George Glover.

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John Marshall Geer, b. 30 Aug. 1833; m. 5 Nov. 1856 Hannah Matilda Stout, b. 25 Mar. 1837.

(1) *Carrie Matilda*, b. 4 Aug. 1858.
(2) *John Franklin*, b. 24 Sept. 1862.
(3) *William Henry*, b. 20 Jan. 1865.
(4) *Catharine Rebecca*, b. 12 Feb. 1868.
(5) *Charles Culver*, b. 18 July 1870.
(6) *Hannah Ella*, b. 28 Nov. 1872.
(7) *George Washington*, b. 20 Mar. 1876.

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Charles Abel Geer, b. 14 Nov. 1831; m. 8 Feb. 1855 Anna Augusta Wheeler, b. 14 Feb. 1837.

(1) *Charles Augustus*, b. 7 Oct. 1855.
(2) *Julia Estella*, b. 9 July 1857; d. 13 June 1860.
(3) *Alvin Fitch*, b. 22 June 1859; d. 13 June 1860.
(4) *Irene*, b. 8 Dec. 1861.

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Amos Geer, b. 23 May 1798; d. 18 Apr. 1873; m. about 1818 Elizabeth DeWitt, b about 1800.

(1) *Louisa*, b. 8 Mar. 1821; m. in 1840 Peter Caddeback.
(2) *Ebenezer*, b. 18 June 1822; m. 1853 Emily J. Burlingame; 3 ch.: (1) *A. Grace*, b. 29 Apr. 1855; m. 8 May 1878 Benjamin F. White, M.D.; (2) *Charles Sumner*, b. 21 June 1857; (3) *Imogene*, b. 10 July 1859.
(3) *Margaret*, b. 10 Jan. 1824; m. 1858 D. D. DeWitt.
(4) *Mary*, b. 17 Mar. 1826; m. 1858 Wm. Jackson.
(5) *Andrew*, b. 16 May 1828; m. 1855 Sarah Swain.
(6) *Fayette*, b. 27 Dec. 1830; m. 1859 Elizabeth Austin.
(7) *Lucy Ann*, b. 5 Jan. 1833; n. m.

(8) *James Alfred*, b. 7 Oct. 1835; m. 1867 Elsie Defendorf.

(9) *William A.*, b. 17 Feb. 1838; m. 17 Feb. 1859 Mary A. Stryker, b. 11 Sept. 1843. 5 ch.: (1) *Elmer Ellsworth*, (2) *Hannah Martha*, (3) *George Everett*, (4) *S. Fred*, (5) *Florence Angie*.

(10) *Byron Mortimer*, b. 16 Dec. 1842; m. 21 Nov. 1878 Maggie MacGee.

(11) *Daniel D.*, b. 6 Apr. 1845; m. 11 Apr. 1871 Frances Marion Shover, b. 10 July 1850. 1 son: *Clarence Clayton*, b. 1 May 1872.

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Mary Louisa Geer, b. Ledyard, Conn., 31 Mar. 1843; m. Syracuse 17 Nov. 1868 Capt. Theophilus Morgan Brown, b. Ledyard 15 Jan. 1824; d. 15 Jan. 1905.

(1) *Alice Experience Brown*, b. Groton, Conn., 29 Sept. 1871; m. there 28 June 1899 Rev. Paul Frederick Hoffman, son Carl and Mary (Titus) Hoffman, b. Lambertville, N. J., 5 Sept. 1872. He grad. Miami Univ. (Oxford, O.) B.A. 1894; Johns Hopkins, 1895; Berkeley Divinity Sch. (Middletown, Conn.); deacon 1898; priest 1899; rector Christ Church, Elizabeth, N. J., 9 years; priest Asso. Order of Holy Cross since 1915. Mrs. Hoffman was educated at Mount Holyoke College. No issue.

(2) *Clara Louise Brown*, b. Groton, Conn., 12 June 1876; m. there 1 Dec. 1902 Sanford, son Noyes B. and Susan (Spicer) Meech. She grad. Williams Memorial Inst. (New London). Member Society Mayflower Descendants, D. A. R., U.S. Daughters 1812. One son: Sanford Brown Meech, b. 18 Dec. 1903; student Yale, class 1924; member Phi Beta Kappa.

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William Gere, b. Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., 5 Jan. 1804; m. (1) Rosalinda Osborn, b. 23 May 1810; d. May 1862; (2) Mrs. Z. C. (North) Hills. One son: *Lucien B. Gere*.

Lucien B. Gere, b. 13 Jan. 1835; d. 2 June 1868; m. Rhoda N. Button.

(1) *Frank Eugene*, b. 6 Oct. 1857; d. 26 May 1861.

(2) *Lucien B.*, b. 20 Mar. 1862.

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ROCK WILLIAM GEER, b. 9 Dec. 1811; m. Elizabeth Stigner, b. 28 Sept. 1820.

(1) *George William*, b. 30 Apr. 1842; killed in battle of Chickamauga 20 Sept. 1863.
(2) *Benajah A.*, b. 18 May 1845.
(3) *Alice Elizabeth*, b. 30 Nov. 1846; m. 1 June 1864 Maro Phelps.
(4) *Mary Eleanor*, b. 31 July 1850; m. 1 Oct. 1869 J. A. McMullen.
(5) *Lucy*, b. 5 Aug. 1854; d. 15 Feb. 1855.
(6) *Lenora C.*, b. 25 Mar. 1857; m. 12 Sept. 1877 Ora Ferguson.

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BENJAMIN GEER, b. 2 Sept. 1833; m. 3 Sept. 1861 Anna Delphine Naglee, b. 11 Apr. 1844.

(1) *Mark Devine*, b. 20 June 1862.
(2) *Henry Naglee*, b. 6 Oct. 1872.
(3) *Charles Kimberly*, b. 18 Dec. 1874.

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JOSEPH GEER, b. 9 July 1800; m. 6 Apr. 1823 Jane Churchill.

(1) *Albert B.*, b. 8 Oct. 1825; d. 8 Oct. 1827.
(2) *George W.*, b. 2 July 1827; d. 2 July 1863; m. 15 Mar. 1853 Malinda Dee. 4 ch.
(3) *William K.*, b. 11 Aug. 1831; m. Lizzie Benson.
(4) *Philander C.*, b. 12 Sept. 1835; m. 7 Nov. 1857 Cerena Teague. 6 ch.

1003

SAMUEL WELLS GEAR, b. 1804; d. 1853; m. 1830 Letitia Ann Haines, b. 1813.

(1) *Henry Wells*, b. 3 Sept. 1833; m. 28 May 1859 Matilda Kenney. 2 ch.: (1) Marie Antoinette, b. 25 July 1860; (2) Oliver, b. 3 Apr. 1866.
(2) *Susan Maria*, b. 1835; m. Dec. 1853 Jesse T. Smith.
(3) *Harriet Amelia*, b. 1840; d. Nov. 1853.
(4) *Samuel Wells*, b. 10 Oct. 1846; m. (1) 1866 Mary C. Baird, who d. 1872; (2) 1878 Emma Smith.

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Eleazer Wheelock Gere, b. 7 Dec. 1796; d. 9 June 1872; m. 3 July 1822 Polly Brown, b. 16 Oct. 1802.

(1) *Levi Silsbee*, b. 29 Mar. 1823; m. 19 Apr. 1848 Lydia I. Reynolds.
(2) *William Nelson*, b. 23 Dec. 1825; m. Oct. 1854 Melissa Sanford.
(3) *John Avery*, b. 20 July 1829; m. 3 Feb. 1851 Caroline C. Cutting.
(4) *Samuel Allen*, b. 14 June 1832; m. 19 Sept. 1852 Clarissa D. Miller.
(5) *Francis Asburry*, b. 25 Apr. 1835; m. 24 Dec. 1857 Nancy M. Alden.
(6) *Catherine Ann*, b. 27 June 1838; m. 7 June 1857 Peter G. Wheeler.
(7) *James Burroughs*, b. 19 June 1842; killed Sept. 1863 at battle of Chickamauga.

1046

William Henry Harrison Geer, b. 25 July 1814; m. Sept. 1849 Isabel Pierson, b. 14 July 1833.

(1) *Charles Pierson*, b. 18 Nov. 1855.
(2) *George Harrison*, b. 13 Aug. 1858.
(3) *Edward Sperry*, b. 28 Aug. 1860.

1070

Elisha Palmer Geer, b. 14 Dec. 1839; m. 20 Mar. 1867 Elizabeth Ray, b. 18 Aug. 1849.

(1) *Lucy Elizabeth*, b. 8 May 1868.
(2) *Raymond Palmer*, b. 6 Sept. 1872.
(3) *Amos Clark*, b. 16 Feb. 1874; d. y.
(4) *Mariette Stanton*, b. 31 Nov. 1875.
(5) *Adelbert Elisha*, b. 16 June 1878.

1158

Henry Geer, b. 28 Dec. 1835; m. 1 Dec. 1868 Hannah Schoonover, b. 12 June 1847.

(1) *Gertrude*, b. 23 Sept. 1870; d. 29 July 1877.
(2) *Lillian*, b. 28 July 1872.
(3) *Emma A.*, b. 12 Sept., 1877.
(4) *Levi R.*, b. 19 Jan. 1880.

1174

Charles Allison Geer, b. 18 Oct. 1835; m. Cinderella Crawford, b. 28 Oct. 1839.

(1) *Lizzie Belle*, b. 22 Mar. 1858.
(2) *Marion Wayne*, b. 18 Nov. 1859; d. 24 May 1874.
(3) *Norman McKenzie*, b. 10 Apr. 1863.
(4) *Annie Laura*, b. 2 Apr. 1865.
(5) *Amanda Ellen*, b. 30 Sept. 1867.

1181

Randall Evans Geer, b. 14 May 1830; m. 5 May 1861 Henrietta Earl, b. 5 July 1838 in Steuben Co., N. Y.

(1) *Fannie Irena*, b. 28 May 1862; d. 11 Jan. 1876.
(2) *Lewis Irvine*, b. 15 Nov. 1863.
(3) *Francis Eugene*, b. 16 Mar. 1866.
(4) *John Clarence*, b. 6 Mar. 1867.
(5) *Blanche Adelia*, b. 2 Nov. 1868.
(6) *Alice May*, b. 28 Feb. 1870.
(7) *Delpheny Lucrecia*, b. 24 Feb. 1871.
(8) *Randall Augustus*, b. 7 Oct. 1872.

1183

Harrison Geer, b. 30 Sept. 1827; m. 25 Mar. 1849 Maria M. Weeks, b. 23 Oct. 1829.

(1) *Heber D.*, b. 15 Feb. 1850.
(2) *Rosabel M.*, b. 11 Oct. 1852.
(3) *Isabel M.*, b. 29 Apr. 1853; d. Aug. 1874.
(4) *C. Augustus*, b. 31 Mar. 1855.
(5) *Irvin H.*, b. 12 Dec. 1869.

1202

Myron Stowell Gere, b. Darwin, Ill., 10 Dec. 1839; m. in Urbana, Ill., 31 Aug. 1862, Sarah Ann Heller, b. Trenton, Ohio, 14 Nov. 1840. During the Civil War he was a musician in regimental band, 25th Ill. Vol. After the war was a merchant and later car builder.

(1) *Emma Belle*, b. 15 July 1863.
(2) *Chester Clark*, b. 30 Mar. 1865.
(3) *Mary Eliza*, b. 13 Oct. 1868.

1353

George Wright Gere, b. ——; d. Chicago 27 Jan. 1912; m. in Clifton, Ill., 10 Oct. 1865, Elenora Gallup. (1) *Frederick*, (2) *Nellie*, (3) *George*, (4) *Arthur*, (5) *Robert*, (6) *Albert*, (7) *Mary*, (8) *Emily*. All are deceased except 2, 6, 7, and 8.

1355

Albert Henry Gere, b. ——; d. Cincinnati 24 Oct. 1894; m. there 30 Sept. 1863 Elizabeth Gregory Sheffield.

(1) *Sherman*. Deceased.
(2) *Minnie*. Deceased.
(3) *Herbert*. Lives in Cincinnati.
(4) *Albert*. Lives in Cincinnati.

1417

Luther Avery Geer, b. 11 May 1838; d. 14 Nov. 1894; m. Catherine Peterson, b. 31 Aug. 1840; d. 2 Jan. 1899.

+ (1) *Charles Avery*, b. 23 June 1864; d. 1 Jan. 1896; m. Alberta E. Stockner.
(2) *John Wesley*, b. 13 Aug. 1865; d. 15 Aug. 1889.
(3) *William Luther*, b. 2 Jan. 1868; d. 18 Aug. 1873.
(4) *George Bertram*, b. 2 Dec. 1871; d. 18 Aug. 1885.
(5) *Frederick DeLong*, b. 18 June 1874. Lived in Bloomington, Ill.

Charles Avery Geer.

(1) *Kathryn*, b. Toulon, Ill., 24 Apr. 1889; m. 22 Sept. 1906 James Alexander Smith, b. New York 30 Aug. 1883. One son: *Earl Randall Smith*, b. 8 Oct. 1907. She lives Toulon, Stark Co., Ill.

1450

Rezin James Geer, b. Albany 28 Sept. 1828; m. 6 Jan. 1853 Elizabeth Briggs.

(1) *Emma Jane*, b. 21 Apr. 1856.
(2) *Ida Ann*, b. 16 Oct. 1857.
(3) *George Delet*, b. 10 Dec. 1858.
(4) *Carrie Adelia*, b. 2 June 1862.
(5) *Elmer*, b. 6 Aug. 1865.
(6) *William*, b. 5 Dec. 1867.
(7) *Andrew Hodge*, b. 16 May 1872.

1610

James Burton Geer, b. 21 June 1841; m. (1) 14 May 1865 Cinderella A. Chapman, who d. 22 August 1869; m. (2) 1870 Augusta F. Morris.

(1) *Morris Lewis*, b. 17 Apr. 1872.
(2) *Gertrude Augusta*, b. 10 Nov. 1875.
(3) *Hattie Prudence Jennie*, b. 30 Dec. 1882.

1611

John Westley Geer, b. 20 June 1843; d. 12 Feb. 1904; m. 30 Mar. 1874 Jessie Leonhart.

(1) *William Verbeck*, b. 23 Jan. 1878.

PART TWO

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Hattie E. Geer, b. Peoria, Ill., 26 Aug. 1860; m. Knoxville, Ill., 9 Jan. 1889 Harry B. Toothe, b. Birmingham, England, 24 Oct. 1862. Residence: 1036 Grand Ave., Galesburg, Ill.

(1) *Charles Hunt Toothe*, b. 18 Aug. 1893; m. 7 Oct. 1914 Carolina McCollum.
(2) *Frances Irene Toothe*, b. 21 Feb. 1895.

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Hattie E. Geer, m. Harry J. Brewer. Residence: Glastonbury, Conn., R.F.D. 2.

(1) *Sybil Geer Brewer*, b. 11 Jan. 1904.
(2) *Ward Wallace Brewer*, b. 24 Dec. 1908.

ADDENDA

296–469

These two reports (on pages 90 and 376) are conflicting, and it has been found impossible to reconcile them.

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SAMUEL GEER, b. 5 Dec. 1768; d. 21 Nov. 1810; m. 1 Jan. 1792 Lucy Tracy, b. 9 Feb. 1771; d. 27 Nov. 1873. She was dau. of Hon. Samuel Tracy, of Preston, Conn., and Amy Partridge.

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SAMUEL GERE, b. (Plainfield, Conn.) 22 Oct. 1770; d. (Griswold) 8 Sept. 1856; m. (1) 1 Jan. 1792 Lucy Tracy (dau. Hon. Samuel Tracy and Amy Partridge, b. Griswold 9 Feb. 1771; d. Attleboro, Mass., 21 Nov. 1810); m. (2) Betsey Keigwan, dau. James Keigwan, of Griswold.

From the above reports it will be noted that the two Samuels, who were born and died on different dates, both married the same Lucy Tracy on the same day, which is certainly incredible.

The record of their ten children is also identical, with the exception of 688 (6) LUCY: —

Children: 10, 2 sons and 8 daughters:

683 (1). *Lydia*, b. 3 Oct. 1792; m. Rowland Burdick. Lived and died in Griswold, Conn.

684 (2). *Elias*, b. 10 July 1794; m. —— Clark. Lived in Morrisville, N. Y.

685 (3). *Eunice*, b. 31 March 1796; m. Gideon Belcher. Lived in South Kingston, R. I.

686 (4). *Anna*, b. 14 Sept. 1797: n. m.

+ 687 (5). *Samuel*, b. 22 July 1799; m. Betsey Wilber. Lived in Arkansas.

+ 688 (6). *Lucy*, b. 5 Oct. 1801; m. John Burdick of Pomfret, Conn.
(Report 469 says that she m. Molby Haxton, a farmer. Lived in Scotland, Conn.)

689 (7). *Amy*, b. 10 May 1803; m. Adam Chapman. Lived in Taftville, Conn.

690 (8). *Polly (Mary)*, b. 15 June 1805; m. Rev. Marshall Frink. Lived in Farmington, N. Y.

691 (9). *Eliza*, b. 16 Aug. 1807; m. Jacob Parker Wilkinson. Lived in Norwich, Conn.

692 (10). *Susannah*, b. 25 July 1809; m. Wm. Tilleston Thayer. Lived in Marshall, Ohio.

The first report (No. 296) is derived from the Genealogy and records of James Geer, and from a letter received in January 1919 from Russell Leigh Jackson, of Newburyport, Mass., a member of the New England Hist.-Gen. Society. Mr. Jackson, who is a great-grandson of (6) Lucy Geer, writes:

"Lucy Geer, b. 5 Oct. 1801, the fourth dau. of Capt. Samuel and Lucy (Tracy) Geer, m. in 1816 John Burdick, of Pomfret, Conn. He was a descendant of Robert Burdick, who settled in Westerly, R. I. Her mother, Lucy Tracy, b. 9 Feb. 1771; d. 27 Nov. 1873; m. 1 Jan. 1792 Capt. Samuel Geer, b. 5 Dec. 1768; d. 21 Nov. 1810. Her mother was Amy Partridge, and her father was the Hon. Samuel Tracy, of Preston, Conn. Mr. Tracy was prominent in Preston during and after the Revolution. He was town clerk, and one of the foremost members of the Association against Illicit Trade.

"Captain Geer studied navigation and made several deep-water voyages as master. He seems to have been called 'Fighting Sam' because of his physical prowess and absolute fearlessness of character. The memory of Lucy Tracy, his wife, has always been greatly cherished and respected by her descendants. Tradition says that she was a great beauty in her day. The writer has in his possession two small gold links worn by Captain Geer at his wedding to Miss Tracy, and also a spoon — one of a set — presented as a wedding gift to Lucy Tracy, and marked with the initials, L T — G."

The second report (No. 469,) was furnished about 1880 to Everett Selden Geer by Samuel Gere's dau. (9) Eliza, b. 1807, who m. 16 June 1854 Jacob Parker Wilkinson,

b. North Stonington 15 Aug. 1801. He was a blacksmith by trade, and a good mechanic. About 1850, he moved to California, where they were married. Fourteen years later they returned to Norwich, where they lived at 28 Spring Street.

Mrs. Wilkinson's report, "all given by memory," states:

"When a mere baby, Samuel Gere (469) was taken to Vermont by his father and mother, who died there two or three years later. With his brother (Silsby) and his two sisters (Lydia and Anna) he was then brought back to Griswold, where he lived with his grandfather James (No. 9, page 32, James Geer book).

"About 1795, after his marriage and the birth of two children, Samuel moved to Vermont, where two more children were born. The deed to his land proved fraudulent, and he lost his property. He then returned to Griswold, where his other children were born.

"In 1810, he moved to Attleboro, Mass., where his wife, Lucy, died and was buried. After her death, he returned again to Griswold. He served in the War of 1812, and received a pension.

"His second wife, Betsey Keigwan, was a widow — that is to say, her husband went away to buy a farm, and never was heard of again. It was supposed that he was murdered.

"Samuel, and his second wife, Betsey, are buried near his little sister Anna in a plot known as the 'Rose Lot' on the bank of the river. The lot is enclosed by a picket fence.

"The Samuel No. 57, page 37 (James Geer book), put down as having a family, may have had one, but not the one given for him, for that one belongs to another Samuel, the son of Silsby, and grandson of James; but this second Samuel married for his second wife the woman that the first Samuel courted."

These absolutely conflicting reports are both very definite, and it is impossible to state here which one is correct.

INDEX I

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE GEER

In this Index are given the Christian names of the lineal descendants *only* of GEORGE GEER, of the name of GEER (GERE, GEAR).

The figures at the left of each name indicate the year of birth; those at the right, the consecutive number under which the name will be found in the record. (See Note on page 12.)

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1722	Aaron	53
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1813	Aaron	500
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1810	Abby Almira	464
1820	Abby	758
1828	Abby Elison	1247
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	Abigail	214
1766	Abigail	317
1791	Abigail (Nabby)	433
1782	Abigail	436
	Abigail	724
	Abner	515
1833	Abram	510
1864	Ada	1503
1841	Adaline	1102
	Addie Frances	1099
1882	Adelbert Remington	1577
1842	Adelia Honeywood	1490
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1849	Albert Laberge	1241
1842	Albert Davis	1283
1858	Albert Stanton	1291
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1853	Albert Platford	1443
1856	Albert Platford	1444
1866	Albert Van Clief	1543
1851	Alce Maria	1082
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1848	Alexander Whiting	1392
1815	Alfred Smith	744
1859	Alfred Poe	1269
1883	Alfred Dalton	1933
1781	Alice	329
1860	Alice Lorella	1120
1849	Alice M.	1220
1863	Alice Belden	1328
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1783	Alpheus	217
1788	Alpheus	227
1824	Alpheus Addison	543
1863	Alpheus	1136
1894	Alpheus Montague	1597
1864	Alpheus Reynolds	1798
1806	Alphonso	668
1862	Alvah K.	1482
1844	Alverda	1561
1802	Amanda	652
1820	Amanda C.	880
	Amanda	1171
1837	Amanda M.	1201
1818	Amelia	675
1829	Amelia Ann	915
1831	Amelia Ruth	1357
1856	Amelia	1514
1736	Amos	120
1749	Amos	167
1789	Amos C.	212
1787	Amos	308
1772	Amos	320
1821	Amos Palmer	504
1852	Amos Burton	523
1814	Amos Thomas	709
1798	Amos	730
1800	Amos	737
	Amos	853
1821	Amos Woodward	1044
1826	Amos Morgan	1242
1843	Amos Wight	1262
1784	Amy	380
1813	Amy	619
	Amy	635
1803	Amy	689
1848	Andrew Lathrop	1302
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1804	Angelica	456
1837	Angelica Rose	1030
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1824	Angeline	1448
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1770	Ann	156
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1745	Anna	165
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1845	Anna Augusta	1072
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1872	Anna Hinsdale	1317
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1850	Annetta Amelia	1493
1857	Annie Pierce	923
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1859	Archibald J.	1496
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1821	Austin	550
1810	Azubah	235
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1918	Barbara Jane	1929
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1907	Benjamin Howard Owen	1958
1873	Bennette Eugene	1763
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1889	Bertha Louise	1655
1929	Bertha Louise	2000
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1910	Brewster Huntington	1918
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1914	Carolyn Holmes	1984
1864	Carrie Ellen	1063
1863	Carrie Bell	1122
1855	Carrie Brewster	1526
1871	Carrie	1820
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1877	Catharine Clapham	1865
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1840	Celestia B	1160
1816	Charity	616
1748	Charles	129
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1777	Charles	299
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1803	Charles	348
1790	Charles	449
1803	Charles Hibbard	649
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